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"Father Ilya" Needs Grace

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Interesting is the "Father Ilya" story, published in a secular journal about a trip which a Russian tourist made recently to the lonely monasteries of Mount Athos in Greece. These monasteries stand today as they stood fifteen centuries ago.

The tourist, one Captain Vladimir, is telling the world by newspaper articles and moving pictures about a 79 year old man, who lives nearly naked under a rock on Mount Athos. His unexpected visitors found him high in a labyrinth of boulders. As they approached his cave, his frail hermit voice rang out, "Come in; here I am."

The report says, "His eyes were like clear-shining little blue stones. He cried softly, for joy, and knelt and thanked them for coming to see him. He had seen but 16 other people in his 37 years there."

He said that once he had been proud, and he had come to live an isolated life of seclusion in his effort to find God. He had been a farmer and a soldier in years gone by. He had first gone to the monastery to be purified, but even there he had found too much comfort. He realized the exceeding sinfulness of his flesh and so he finally climbed the mountain to be alone. He had often persecuted his body in an effort to keep himself in subjection.

He refused to accept a two-year supply of food, but he did accept an overcoat. He was getting old, he said, and the nights in the cave were sometimes cold. He asked only one favor, and that was that they should never reveal his name. "Call me Father Ilya," he said, "because I have put away the world. And now I will still know that no one is thinking about me, that I am here all alone."

Works and Grace

Here is an example of a man trying to satisfy the cry of his soul for God, by human effort and good works. Many another soul has made the same mistake. It is very difficult for the human mind to understand and appropriate Divine Grace. Even in our churches there are multitudes of professing Christians who are trying to be righteous in their own strength. They have the mistaken idea that they themselves have to live Christian lives; they don't understand that only Christ, their

Substitute, can live the victorious life through them.

The root idea of "works" as a means of salvation from sin runs through all of the false religions of the world. It is Grace that makes Christianity unlike every other religion known to man. The Christian knows that he is delivered from sin, not by something that he does, but by something that he accepts, which has already been done for him. He knows that it is not his goodness that counts, but that he is saved by God's gift of Grace, which is Christ Jesus, His Son.

Penance

Realizing that man is essentially wicked, the heathen is moved by the principle that he can best draw near to God and ultimate goodness by subjecting his body to various degrees of mortification. You often find the fakirs, sadus and yogis of India inventing the most ingenious methods of self-torture with the idea of keeping themselves constantly conscious of their penances. Thus, on the banks of the Ganges, you will find some of the most demented, deluded, diseased and devout pieces of struggling humanity on the face of the earth.

The story is told of a holy man who hangs head downward three hours at a time in Benares, India.

There is also a man in the same city who has lived the life of the naked fakir for fifteen years. He is called "The Sun Gazer." Each morning his relatives place him out under the open heavens, with his face turned toward the East. Slowly he opens his eyes to greet the morning sun as it raises its fiery body over the holy city. He stares in the direction of the blazing sun all day and watches as it passes over his head. His legs have withered away and his eyes have been burned out. He thinks this unspeakable physical torture will assure for him a heavenly reward. He is seeking salvation by his good works.

It is not an unusual thing to see a man reclining on a bed of spikes in India.

The story is told of two "everstanding" men in Calcutta. The tourist who saw them said that they had been standing for ten years without once sitting down and that apparently they were prepared to stand up

right the rest of their lives. He says: "I doubt if there are two more homely objects. Their bodies and faces are smeared a dirty, sickly-white, leaving two black spots for their eyes, which were divided by their perpendicular red and yellow caste marks. They had forced two poles into the sand from which were suspended arm-rests on which they leaned now and then, but never at any time did they take their weight entirely off their feet or attempt to sit down in any manner."

A Hindu called Urdhabahu held his arms above his head for twenty years, during which time the finger-nails on his hands grew long like the claws of a beast.

One of the holiest men that India has ever produced was Yogi Haridas, who could touch his forehead with his tongue. The caste mark of the Hindu is painted on his forehead. Haridas was exceptionally holy because he could touch his caste mark with his tongue. It required years of practice and several painful surgical operations on the roots of his tongue to be able to do this. By this means he hoped to escape the penalty of his sin and earn a blissful reward.

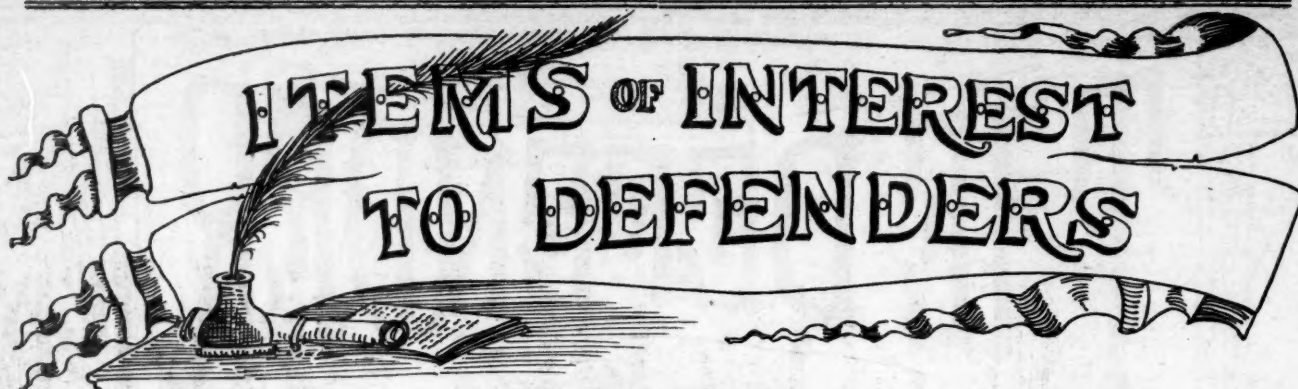
In Singapore a man became a human pin-cushion, when he had fifty sharp, pointed spears imbedded in his flesh. He walked three miles under a blazing sun in this excruciating agony, believing that this would earn Heaven for him.

The water of the Ganges is muddy and filthy. Sewers are emptied into the river, and the dead, who are too poor to afford to buy wood with which to burn their bodies after death, are thrown into it. Those who die of loathsome diseases, like leprosy and smallpox, are often consigned to the river because they are regarded as being unworthy of cremation. According to the Hindu, the holy water of the Ganges purifies everything. Nothing can defile it, no matter how foul and putrid. We shudder as we think of thousands of people drinking and bathing in this filthy stream, but they believe that by these good works they will be saved.

Brahmanism

The Brahman, who has been true to the vows of his caste and has performed the required number of "good works," believes that he will eventually be absorbed into Brahm very much like a drop of water in the ocean. His large number of births into this life by reincarnation may be shortened by strict adherence to the laws of Brahmanism and by penance. There is no hell except the people of lower castes who have not yet reincarnated a sufficient number of times to attain to a position in an upper caste. If a man steals gold, he must pass a thousand times through the bodies of spiders and snakes. In any event, one must spend

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MANY HAVE WONDERED why Harry Emerson Fosdick, the distinguished modernist preacher, should have ever been called a Baptist, considering that his beliefs are contrary to true Baptist doctrine at every vital point. No doubt many loyal Baptists were relieved recently when the name of his \$4,000,000 New York edifice was changed from the Park Avenue Baptist Church to the Riverside Church. The most noted member of the church is John D. Rockefeller, Jr. "Fundamentalists" have resented the word Baptist; so have "Modernists." Both of these groups are sure to be delighted with the change of the name. The man of the street sometimes refers to Fosdick's Church as the "Socony Church." New York automobile owners know that "Socony" means Standard Oil Company of New York.

THERE IS A DETERMINED EFFORT to revise the present calendar. The League of Nations, the International Chamber of Commerce, The World Federation of Education and other organizations are cooperating in sponsoring the change. The proposed calendar, if put into effect, will provide 13 months to the year instead of 12. It will result in a revolution of days and dates. The Sears & Roebuck Company of Chicago, an organization of 40,000 employees, and a gross business of \$400,000,000 a year, put the new calendar into effect January 1st. This is another step in the direction of universal organization. It is the psychology of the time to consolidate forces into one channel. Eventually the interests of the world will head up in one center and in one man—Antichrist.

A JAPANESE biologist, Dr. Nouchi, is reported in the Daily Press as saying that by electrical nutrition and glandular control he could change an Indian to a Negro, or a Japanese to a Caucasian. He said that he could practically build an infant to order, holding its growth or stimulating it, fixing its stature, breadth of shoulders and other physical characteristics. Such accomplishments would be possible, said he, through the use of ultra-violet rays and stimulation of glandular activity. He said, "Our big job is to add to our store of this kind of knowledge until we can at will mould the human race."

CURATOR GARRITT S. MILLER of the United States National Museum of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., says in his annual report that it is only a flimsy thread of evidence that purports to link man to the brute by evolution. We read: "Science needs many more fossils to prove anything definite about the subject."

DID YOU KNOW that there are snuff-boxes in the United States Senate? The Government still provides free snuff for its Senate. The snuff-boxes are placed in two niches on either side of the Vice-President's rostrum. They are kept filled with the best snuff that the Government can buy. It is said that Senator Overman of North Carolina is about the only regular customer that the boxes have, although Senator Ashurst of Arizona and Senator Swanson of Virginia are seen in that vicinity occasionally. The hinges on the boxes have to be changed occasionally, due to the ammonia constituent of snuff.

IN AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND, a newspaper recently published a story which accused Kaiser Wilhelm of supreme cowardice. In October 1918 the German Navy received orders to attack the British fleet. Admiral Scheer said that he would go if the Kaiser would accompany him. The suggestion was supported by General Ludendorff. At first the Kaiser fell in line with the demand, saying he "could conceive of no more noble death than that of dying in a last glorious attempt to defend freedom and honor." On the preceding Monday, however, Admiral Scheer received a message saying that the Kaiser would be unable to accompany him. We read, "The exact contents of this message were never known, as Admiral Scheer tore it in small pieces in order to prevent the Kaiser's 'confession of cowardice' from becoming known."

WHAT NEXT? Dr. H. H. Sheldon, Head of the Department of Physics of New York University, says that the most fascinating field of experiment that could be opened to man lies behind Einstein's new theory that electricity and magnetism are related to gravitation. This opens the avenue for keeping our planes aloft without engines or material support, as well as stepping out of a window into the air without the fear of falling or making a trip to the moon. In a word, there is a possibility that we will walk on air by and by. The Church will "walk on air" when "We which are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall be CAUGHT UP."

WHEN A MAN died in Milwaukee a few days ago, it was found that his will provided that "my body should go to science, my soul to Andrew W. Mellon, and sympathy to my creditors."

THE WIFE OF AN EPISCOPAL RECTOR in Chicago is giving dancing lessons in the church hoping "to be able to add to the parish funds through her classes."

SIR GEORGE KNIBBS, the Australian statistician, said a short time ago: "If the population of the world continues to increase at the present rate of one per cent a year, it will, within two centuries, exceed the maximum which the earth can support or feed."

A LADY IN CHICAGO dreamed a few weeks ago that her daughter had hanged herself in the basement of the home. Later, when the daughter could not be found, she sent for the police and told them her dream. A search was made in the basement store-room and the dead body of the daughter was found exactly as the mother had dreamed.

IN PITTSBURGH an insurance man recently compiled a list of odd claims made by claimants. One claimant rubbed himself so hard after a bath that he dislocated his neck. Another dropped a pencil, struck his knees together to catch it and ran the point in his leg. A man sitting in a street-car had a shovelful of hot asphalt thrown into his lap by a careless workman in the street. Another claimant hugged a friend so hard that he fractured her rib. One man kicked a thief out of his store and broke two bones in his foot.

REV. R. E. STANLEY HUNT, pastor First Baptist Church, Stettler, Alberta, Canada, writes: "I have been a reader of The Defender for more than a year now and appreciate more and more the matter that appears. It informs and enthruses."

STEPHEN S. WISE is known throughout Jewry. His son, James Waterman Wise, age 27, was preparing for the Jewish ministry, in which the preceding Wise generations have been engaged, when suddenly he recanted, after pursuing studies at Columbia University and Cambridge. A book entitled "Jews Are Like That" appeared some time ago and it discussed such personalities as Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis of the United States Supreme Court, Nathan Straus, philanthropist, and seven others, including a thrust of satire at Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. The author's real name was not published until a few weeks ago when the publisher was prevailed upon to draw aside the veil and disclose the name of the writer. Rabbi Wise was, no doubt, surprised when he learned that his 27 year old son Wise had written the book.

WHAT IS THE NOBEL PRIZE? A noted Swede, by the name of Nobel, made a bequest of \$9,000,000. Every year 68% of the income is available for prizes, 22% for expenses and the remaining 10% is added to the slowly increasing fund. Originally Nobel prizes in 1901 were \$40,511. After the war they were reduced to as low as \$30,802, due to the deterioration of the Swedish krona.

AIR PLANES are now crossing the Belgian Congo, carrying passengers, mail and express shipments.

An Amazing Flip-Flop

For a quarter of a century the most quoted man in defense of the theory of evolution has been Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, Director of the American Museum of Natural History. Dr. Osborn has not only been a believer in evolution, but he has also been its most competent and militant defender. It seems that he has a way of appealing to the popular mind at the psychological and dramatic moment. Moreover, he is blessed with the faculty of being able to explain scholastic terms in the language of the street. This has made his name very popular among all classes and types of people.

That he is a trained observer and a competent scientist has never been disputed. His seeming sincerity has always been reassuring even to the opponents of evolution. The enemies of the theory have been forced to respect him, even while he has vigorously attacked his opponents.

To think of this man repudiating the idea of blood relationship between humans and animals is as astounding as it is revolutionary, yet the unexpected thing has happened and Dr. Osborn has turned a complete mental flip-flop and has repudiated his previous views. At the 1929 gathering of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which convened in December, in Des Moines, Iowa, he shocked that organization with his pronouncement. If it were to be announced that Clarence Darrow had been converted to Christianity, the shock would be no greater than the word that Dr. Osborn has renounced his previous views on Evolution.

Perhaps no better statement of Dr. Osborn's change of mind has been written than the one appearing in the Chicago Tribune, which is quoted below:

"For nearly two hundred years careful, precise scientists toiling in their laboratories over microscopes clapped to crumbling bones, have seriously and solemnly assured us that man descended from the ape, or at least from a common ancestor; and that man lived in trees, swinging gaily from branch to branch, only a few million years ago.

"Now comes Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, director of the American Museum of Natural History and one of the most distinguished zoologists and paleontologists in the world, to challenge the tale and hold it up to ridicule and scorn.

"Dr. Osborn wishes it known that he has seceded from his scientific brethren. He announces his emphatic belief that the ape man is a myth and that man has been human through all his evolution—a creature apart and distinct from the ape—and that about all that man has in common with the ape is a mammalian origin.

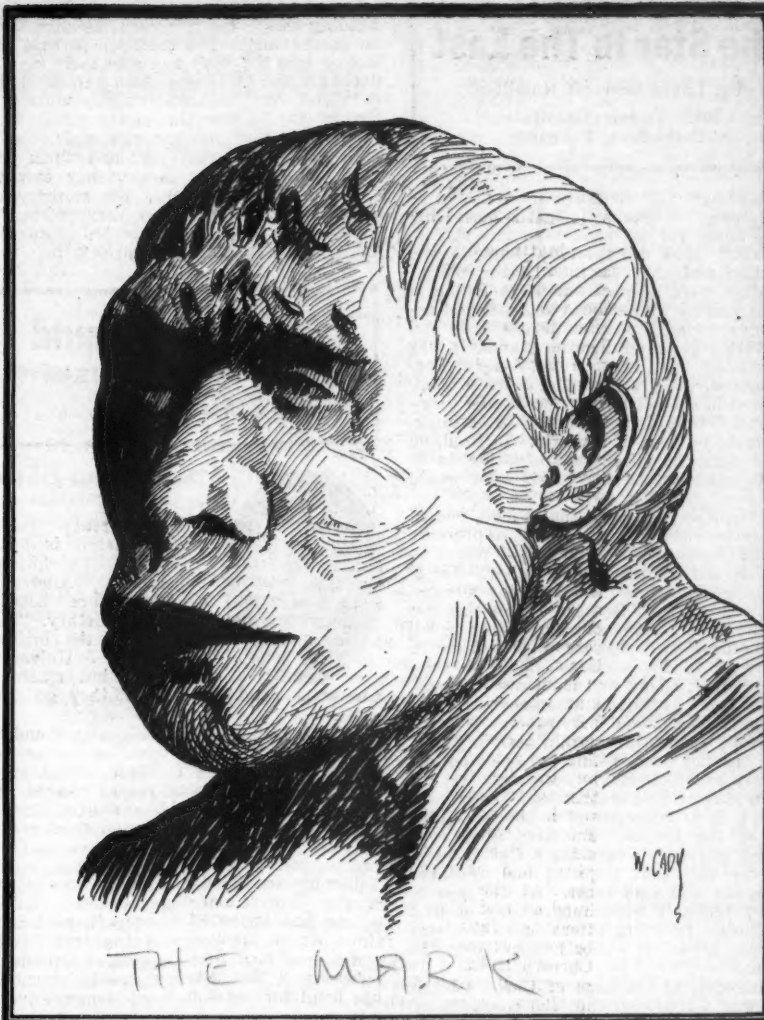
Eden in Gobi Desert

"Being a scientist, Dr. Osborn has little to do with Adam and Eve and the green fields of Eden, but he has discovered for himself a Garden of Eden which he is convinced was the true and authentic garden, and in the scientific sense. This is the great Gobi desert in central Asia, one time empire of Genghis Khan and the Tartar conquerors.

"Upon the great central Asian plateau, a windswept and treeless region, the first man lived, says Dr. Osborn, recanting his long held ape-man theories, and the first men could not have been forest dwellers. The first men did not live in trees. They were human creatures that walked upright.

Change of View Recent

"As startling as it is to his scientific confreres, Dr. Osborn's change of mind is quite recent. As he says himself in Human



"PITHECANTHROPUS ERECTUS"

The above alleged missing link should have been called "Pithecan-SPOOF-us," because in reality the scientists who have sought to place him on our family tree have only been "spoofing." The fact is that no such creature has ever lived. The jumble of letters which make up his name are used only to give him a hypnotizing effect. The idea is to startle the lay reader and thus create respect for the old gentleman! His whole being consists of four bones: a piece of skull, two teeth and a piece of thigh-bone. The rest is printers' ink and imagination. "Pith" is now in bad repute and not many scientists take him very seriously anymore.

Biology for January, 1929, he was entirely of the belief until 1924 that man was truly descended from apelike ancestors, not very remote from the chimpanzee; apelike ancestors who inhabited tropical forests and who fled to the nearest tree whenever danger threatened.

"He believed for many years that Darwin was right in the theory that the Dawn men, forerunners of the human race, were tree dwellers, covered with hairy coats. He believed that both sexes were bearded, that the creatures had pointed ears which could be moved this way and that by muscular effort.

Due to Bone Structure

"His first misgivings, he said, arose from two indisputable facts. First, that the limb proportions of all the primordial races of men the Trinil, the Neanderthal, the Cro-Magnon—had not revealed a trace of ape ancestry. They were 100 per cent pro-hu-

man. Despite the chimpanzeelike resemblance in the beetling brows of the Neanderthal and the Trinil races, the femora in both these races told a different story. In other words, man of the Neanderthal period of 500,000 years ago might have looked like an ape, but was very far from being an ape in his bone structure.

"The actual as well as the ideal environment of the ancestors of man," says Dr. Osborn, "was not in the warm forested low- (Turn to page 7.)

CHRIST WITHIN

The Book, "CHRIST WITHIN," by Gerald R. Winrod, is in its second edition. It is published by the Christian Alliance Publishing Company, 260 W. 44th Street, New York City. It comprises four chapters on "The In-Christed Life," "Evolution," "Modernism" and "Jonah and the Whale." Price \$1.25.

The Star In The East

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In Matthew 2:2, the Magi are represented as inquiring, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the East." How did the Magi know it was His star, and that Judea was the place? The Magi were a special tribe in Persia, a race of priests who studied religion and astronomy. Being a pastoral people, they had opportunity for studying the stars. It was from among them that Cyrus, King of Persia, selected his priests. The Magi probably shared in the belief common among primitive races, that a great leader was coming, who would be born of a virgin. In Gaul, an ancient altar has been found, dating to B. C. 100, inscribed to the virgin who would bring forth.

All tradition unites in that Virgo, one of the twelve signs of the zodiac, represents a young woman, with a sheaf of wheat in one hand and a branch in the other. She is surrounded by three smaller star groups, Coma, Centars and Bootes. Coma signifies "the desired." Coma is represented in all star pictures by a woman with a babe in her arms. In the ancient Temple of Denderah, Egypt, Coma and child are depicted, and the name given this star group is Shesnu, the Desired Son. Astronomy records that when Christ was born, a star in Coma, which has not been visible for one hundred and fifty years, suddenly appeared, and became a star of first magnitude. In the star pictures, it is represented as being in the head of the Infant. Ptolemy, about one hundred and fifty years after Christ, mentions the fact that the star had appeared before, but was very faint. At the time of Christ's birth, it burst into a star of first magnitude. Ignatius, referring to this star in Coma, says: "It shone brilliantly in the heavens."

Then, also, at the time of Christ's birth, there was a tradition that the constellation of Pisces, the Fishes, was in some way connected with the Jewish people. Rabbinical traditions placed emphasis on a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, believing that it indicated the birth of a great leader. Three years before Moses was born, Jupiter and Saturn were in conjunction in the constellation of Pisces. Thus it was believed that a great leader among the Jewish people was about to arise. First, because the conjunction of these particular planets indicated the birth of a leader; secondly, this conjunction being in Pisces, indicated that he would be from among the Jewish people. Consequently, Pharaoh ordered the destruction of all the male babes among the Hebrews.

The history of astronomy bears testimony to the fact that at the time of Christ's birth, there were no less than three conjunctions of Jupiter and Saturn in Pisces. These occurred in the year of Rome 747, within two years of the Nativity. These conjunctions are recorded as occurring in May, October and December. The astronomer-royal at Greenwich attests the truth of these three conjunctions; also Kepler, the great German astronomer, who was the first to point out these remarkable incidents, gave the opinion that they were most likely the starry phenomena which influenced the Wise Men. Knowing that this three-fold conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter in Pisces foretold the birth of a great leader among the Jews, they naturally started for Palestine, and were led by this star of first magnitude, as it sparkled in Coma.

On the road to Bethlehem, there is an ancient well called The Well of the Magi. Tradition says that as they journeyed to Beth-

lehem they lost sight of the star for a time. Finding this Well, it served the purpose of an observatory. The tradition is, that they looked into the Well and saw their star reflected in the still water, and perceived that it "stood over" and was exactly vertical at Bethlehem, "where the young Child was." "And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy, and when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary, His mother, and worshipped Him, and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh."

Charles J. Studd

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Charles T. Studd

The Champion Cricketer of Cambridge

The great world's cricket match is on in England. The hitherto unbeaten Australian champions are battling hard for victory. They are facing the brilliant Cambridge University "Eleven," but strain as they will, they go down to defeat.

The English are wild with delight and the greatest player, their "idol," is the captain of the team, Charles T. Studd.

The official cricketing record of that year 1883, gave to Charles T. Studd "The premier position as an all-around cricketer."

A Contrast

The present Lord Willingdon was captain of the 1885 "Cambridge Eleven." Taking up the profession of statecraft, he became Governor of the Bombay Presidency, India, and is now Governor-General of Canada.

Charles T. Studd became a missionary and has lived for years in a missionary's hut in Africa.

The Soul-Winner

As a player on the field Charles Studd met few men that he did not approach on behalf of Christ.

At the University he was joined by Stanley Smith, the giant oarsman, and together they presented the message of Christ in the universities of Britain with blessed results. These two together, with five other young aristocrats, became,

The Celebrated "Cambridge Seven"

of missionary history. They stirred the colleges and churches as never before nor since. After great farewell meetings they sailed for China. Mr. Studd was the acknowledged leader. Others of the party were Mr. Hoste of the China Inland Mission, and the late beloved Bishop Cassels of West China. We are told that the "seven" have given an aggregate of fully 300 years of the finest kind of missionary service.

They all kept true to the Vision.

Missionary to China

Mr. Studd labored for years in China. Here he married Miss Priscilla Livingstone Stewart, a missionary, who proved a surpassing companion and helpmeet and who only recently went to her eternal reward.

Upon his father's death he received his inheritance amounting to over half a million dollars.

One day in China, while reading Luke, chapter 18, about the rich young ruler, Christ's call to a life of self-renunciation seized him. He gave his entire fortune away to be used in the great cause. He assumed for himself voluntary poverty.

He could say with Paul: "What things were gain to me, those I have counted loss for Christ. I do count them but dross."

Missionary in India

Returning from China, after a term of ten years of missionary work, he was in broken health and, needing a warmer climate, he went to India where he had nearly a decade of intense missionary service before returning home on furlough. While in England he met Dr. Kumm of Africa, who presented the Mohammedan menace in Africa as the greatest missionary problem, and that the outstanding challenge to the church was, "To stem the tide of Moslem by giving the gospel to the people and tribes of Central Africa."

Mr. Studd immediately answered this new challenge and made several extensive tours. He traveled up the Nile, away beyond Khartoum, a thousand miles, and nearly lost his life before returning to England. But he received a new heart passion, for he had heard the sobs, the moans and the cries of the millions of blacks of the Congo region, and his missionary heart again responded.

The Heart of Africa

At the age of 53 and in broken health, this hero of the cross, a real veteran pioneer missionary, ventures forth once again toward the heart of the dark continent.

Despite the protest and entreaties of his many friends and in face of all "natural" and "reasonable" indication against his going, Mr. Studd in 1913 strikes inland from Mombassa on the east coast of Africa, on a 1500 mile journey with a single companion, a young man of twenty, to begin their work in the Welle River region.

The country, the climate, the customs, the food, the people, the language, the government, everything was new, and Charles T. Studd, despite his age, at once adapted himself to these new surroundings.

The language was mastered, the simple gospel was preached and converts were made. Other missionaries joined the original two. In answer to faith, all temporal needs were supplied, and the great work of evangelization moved forward until now thousands have found the Saviour.

The New Testament has been translated from unwritten tongues in two languages and given to the people.

The objective of Mr. Studd's splendid Pioneer movement is not to civilize, educate or Europeanize, but to evangelize, by declaring the good news of God's grace.

The program is not to build costly mission stations, but to ever press on and out into the untouched parts with the message of salvation.

This work has been distinctively of an Apostolic character in its zeal, its methods, and its sacrifice.

The Heart of Amazonia

Before reaching the interior of Africa, God gave Mr. Studd an enlarged vision of World Wide Evangelism. So in 1923 the great expansion began now known as the "World-Wide Evangelization Crusade." Twenty missionaries are now at work in the great Amazonian regions of South America. They are away from the coast-line cities and the traveled river sections, where Brazilians and the tame Indians live; they have gone into the hinter-lands, amongst the uncivilized Red Indians of the great Amazon forest region. Here there are 400 tribes divided into fifty language stocks.

Thank God for this aggressive, enthusiastic, sacrificial, God-appointed and God-appointed missionary leader. At this ripe age of his life Mr. Studd is still in the harness of daily routine and active service. We are told that he has just finished a two years' task (often eighteen hours a day) of translating the New Testament into the Kingwana language.

The American headquarters of the World-Wide Evangelization Crusade is Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Future Defenders' Conventions

The year 1929 was a great year for **The Defenders of the Christian Faith**, as every reader of this magazine knows, but the activities outlined for 1930 promise to be twice as large and effective. Already the convention program for the new year is off to a running start — the Second Annual Ohio Convention having already been held in Toledo, and the Missouri gathering having been put on in St. Louis, during January. Other meetings in rapid successions are scheduled for Logansport, Indiana, Watertown, Wisconsin; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Wichita, Kansas; St. Petersburg, Florida; Lakeland, Florida; and Chicago.

But greater than the interest aroused for any other convention is the widespread expectancy which is being created for the first World's Convention, which is scheduled for Chicago, May 18 to 25. Already Defenders everywhere are looking forward to this event.

Remember

Remember! From the day the Movement was launched five years ago, PRAYER has been our only weapon. Again and again, the great praying constituency, which makes up **The Defender Family**, has united as one voice when great tasks have been undertaken. This explains our phenomenal growth. Spiritual weapons are more powerful than carnal weapons. We must never lose sight of the fact that in the present struggle we are not dealing with men primarily. Heated arguments, debates and polemics will not solve our problems. We are dealing with organized Satanic forces, dressed for most part in the garb of "higher learning." Prayer produces the powerful spiritual flame that swarms about the altars of Baal and puts the false prophets and the false philosophies to flight. You can get back of the enemies' lines only through prayer. Prayer is not sentiment and gush; it is the most powerful, creative weapon at our disposal. You can kneel there in your home, tune in with God, and circle the globe. **Pray through**, find the mind of God, get under an open heaven, **know** His directive will to a point of realization, bombard the spiritual world with your prayers, and watch the results.

The Paraclete (the Holy Spirit), the "One alongside to help," is with you. He will gladly lead you. He is a Person to Whom you can speak; He is a Person with Whom you can fellowship. Unite IN HIM and bear the needs of **The Defenders** to God in a new and vital way. Multiplicity of prayer means multiplicity of power. "If two of you shall agree."

May 18th to 25th

Careful plans are being prayed out for the World's Convention, May 18 to 25. It will not be merely a world gathering in name; but it will be a world gathering in deed. Next month we expect to announce the names of the speakers, but suffice to say for the present, that there will be outstanding representatives present from many parts of the world. At this writing, we have not yet received cables giving us definite word from all of the men who have been invited and we do not wish to publish an incomplete list.

The meetings will be held in the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle. Certain improvements in the seating arrangement of the auditorium are contemplated so as to be able to seat at least 5,000 persons. The radio will be

used; the Tabernacle Concert Band will be in action; and a great chorus choir of 200 voices will lead the congregational singing. Special courtesies will be extended to ministers, which will involve the construction of a special platform to assure them of seats. Out-of-town Defenders will be provided with special tickets of admission.

Arrangements are being made for large delegations from the various cities in which conventions have been held and the matter of special railroad transportation rates will be explained later.

Remember the date when you pray — May 18 to 25.

Between now and the World's Convention, one particular phase of the meeting will be discussed each month in **The Defender**. In this issue, the matter of an "Association of Evangelical Ministers" is considered, and next month the plans for creating a much needed "Association of Christian Colleges" will be outlined.

Association of Ministers

Denominational apostasy has crowded many pastors out of their churches during recent years and the result is that several hundred sane, successful, independent Gospel centers have sprung up in the United States. Such enterprises are frequently called Gospel Tabernacles. Some are sectarian, others are independent and many are interdenominational. The pastors of these centers are generally God-called and God-anointed men, set apart by the Spirit for the preaching of the Gospel. They are worthy of respect and consideration.

These men are looked down upon quite often by the established churches and pastors in their local communities. The force of their individual testimonies could be greatly increased if they could come to know person-

ally other men of like vision. It has occurred to many that if some sort of a basis for fellowship among such preachers could be established, that it would be very advantageous. Plans are being made along these lines for the May Convention.

Two circumstances will illustrate what I am saying. Rev. A — was an ordained and successful preacher in his denomination. The machinery and program of his church was choking out his spirituality and spontaneity. God dealt with him through some obvious, special providences and in a little while he found that his ministry was experiencing a revolution. New vistas for service unfolded before him and for a time he went into evangelistic work. At the close of an enormous campaign in Ohio, he felt called to remain in the city and develop a permanent work. Today he has a thriving, prosperous tabernacle with approximately \$150,000 invested in property and is perhaps preaching to the largest crowds of any pastor in the city. He is not identified with any sect, but today he is free from the ecclesiastical yoke which burdened him for many years.

Rev. B — had held large pastorates in his denomination, and before the war he labored successfully as an evangelist. He used to carry a large party with him and held union campaigns in many cities. For a time he was a member of the Billy Sunday evangelistic party. Nine years ago, a large church of his denomination, in an Illinois city of about 10,000 population, persuaded him to accept a pastorate and settle there. He did so and for almost two years his efforts were blessed in the pulpit, his church was crowded and souls were saved. But his direct, heart-searching, evangelistic Gospel appeals and regular assaults on sin, finally became more than some of the worldly officials of his church could stand. Political wires were pulled and he was forced out. It was embarrassing to remain in the city, but Rev. B — did not feel that his ministry there was complete and seven years ago he started an independent revival campaign, which meant that he preached every night for three years. His Gospel Tabernacle has been operating successfully now for seven years. He has a splendid

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A Camp Fire Dream

By, Dr. A. P. Gouthey

Sitting here in deep contentment
With the camp-fire burning low.
While the daylight slowly dries
Makes the shadows come and go;
Listening to the wondrous cadence
Of the water-fall and wind,
While across the mountain's shoulder
Is a night cloud gently pinned.

Now the moonbeam comes caressing
With his magic, silvery light,
Every tree-top, fern, and flower
Bidding each a soft goodnight.
Hark; I hear "the little voices"
Drifting in from far and near,
Bringing each its wordless message,
Filled with light and hope and cheer.

The message of a day-dawn,
Which the seers have foretold,
Seen from mountain-tops of vision,
Sketched in language clear and bold;
A day when strife is ended
And no battle-lines are drawn,
When brotherhood and mercy
Mingle heart and voice in song!

A day-dawn filled with splendor
When the Christ shall rule and reign,
Whose kingdom is eternal
And whose power is His Name.
When down from every mountain
And up from every vale,
Shall roll the major music
Of peace that will not fail.



"THE YETS"

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—Scriptural Paradoxes—



Dr. Chas. W. Gray

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was made flesh for the purpose of exposing the flesh to "The Yets" of God. Nothing is to be feared in this exposure, but longed for. Not to quarantine one's self, but give to others.

At the first "The Yets" seem to be paradoxes, but the Lord Jesus Christ changes the impossible in the natural into the possible in the supernatural. "The Yets" are supernatural possibilities for the child of God. The Holy Spirit took the great Apostle Paul through these experiences, thus he knew.

The First YET 2 Cor. 4:8

We are troubled on every side, YET not distressed

This YET becomes the switch that flashes on for the user a difference in his life.

Troubled, Pressed, Squeezed, or Afflicted on every side, Paul realized two sides, Outside and Inside. Outside were fightings, Inside were fears. YET he was not distressed either by fightings on the outside or fears on the inside. To be distressed is to be put in a straight jacket. Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail experienced this. The YET made the difference; these two men of God were different than any other jail birds that were ever put in their jail. Because of the YET the jail shook, jail birds loosed, jailor convicted, family converted, the Gospel scattered, power of God was manifested in this word YET.

The Second YET 2 Cor. 4:8

We are perplexed, YET not in despair

The Child of God in this perplexing world has a way out. To be perplexed is to be without a passage, or not to know what to do. YET, the Christian's cloud has a silver lining. Each perplexity to a Christian provides three marvelous opportunities; the opportunity of Faith, the opportunity of Prayer, the opportunity of Testimony. When Jehosaphat was King of Judah, the children of Ammon, Moab and Mt. Seir came against them to battle with great numbers. Jehosaphat did not know what to do, perplexed! looked to God, (Faith); proclaimed a fast (Prayer); rose up at God's command and went forth to stand in battle, (Testimony)! God put the YET in the King's path; it is

not your battle but mine, the Lord said.

To know no way out is to be in despair, God by His supernatural power provides the way out, there is no temptation that will come but a way of escape is provided. The wonderful highway out is by the Lord Jesus Christ Who is God in the flesh exposing the flesh to the Great Living Possibilities the YET.

The Third YET 2 Cor. 4:9

Persecuted, YET not forsaken

One of the greatest facts in the Christian's inheritance is persecution. God grows the greatest souls in the garden of persecution. The history of the Church has a great catalogue of such as well as the 11th chapter of Hebrews. Persecuted means pursued. Truly the Church of Jesus Christ, the people of God, have been a pursued people. Paul must have discovered this truth while riding in a basket at the end of a rope being let down by the wall of Damascus. What a deliverer God is, surely the YET makes a difference. What an opportunity our persecution furnishes God to manifest His power. The Christian will not seek the line of least resistance, for there is no Glory to God in this line, but by God's opening Red Seas and Jordan Rivers and knocking down Jericho walls, He gets great Glory to His Almighty Name. The most persecuted man on earth was Jesus Christ for Rights' sake. Persecuted but not forsaken.

The Fourth YET 2 Cor. 4:9

Cast down, YET not destroyed

We need never be afraid of smashing which God allows. Cast down yet not destroyed. Cast down implies, first, a power to do the smashing or throwing down, and second, that some one or some thing cast down. In the Revelation, 12: 10 this word is used of Satan the Accuser being cast down. God is the power that casts down and Satan is the one cast down or smashed.

There is in this world a power which operates against the children of God. Jesus knew it; Paul experienced it. The manifestation of this power is to break to pieces one who trusts God. God will allow the Accuser to break to pieces, YET God saves the pieces. Think of the way the church of Jesus Christ has been broken into fragments and scattered over the earth, YET God will gather them together from the four corners of the earth.

Paul was rejoicing in the Philippian letter because by his being cast down the Gospel was being preached.

The Fifth YET 2 Cor. 6:8

Deceivers, YET true

Jesus Christ was the most misunderstood person that ever lived, they called Him the deceiver, Matthew 27:63. He was branded a deceiver in His relation to man, in His relation to God and in His relation to things. YET He was true. He was the very embodiment of the living truth. In fact He was the TRUTH living.

Jesus said that they hated Me they will hate you. He also said: "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely; rejoice and be exceeding glad for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." A Christian misunderstood by the world is a normal Christ life.

We are in the best of company when we are considered false by the world, YET True to God. Jesus Christ is the only One who has had flesh who has been permitted to sit down at the Right Hand of God. Deceiver, YET True.

The Sixth YET 2 Cor. 6:9

Unknown, YET well known

He came to His own and His own received Him not; John 1:11. Had they known Him they never would have crucified Him. Why the permission on God's part, in order that we who were afar off or unknown might be known, and that we knew not might know! Thus, the "whosoever." He made himself of no reputation but took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; Philippians 2:7. Unrecognized in the earth, but all the hosts of heaven waiting to give Him homage!

The follower of the Lord Jesus Christ may never be thought much of here in the earth, YET their name is a household word in God's great family. Oh, to be well known of God! Unknown, YET well known. To be personally acquainted with the Great living God of the Universe is to be well known; to be only acquainted with the small circle of mankind is to be unknown.

The Seventh YET 2 Cor. 6:9

As dying, YET behold we live

From our birth we begin to die in body; we are nearer dead at 16 years of age than at one year of age; nearer dead in body at 70 (God's allotted time) than at 16. Human life is a dying life. As a person grows older in human age his body becomes less lively. YET a person can be more alive then than ever before. Christ makes the difference; here Christ becomes the YET that puts Life before us and into us, and "YET behold we live." So it matters not what may be done to the body of the Christian, behold He lives! What a great and glorious hope lies ahead of the child of God! Some of these fine beautiful mornings, while we are right in the midst of dying life, behold He comes, resurrection life manifested, dying bodies changed into incorruptable bodies, and away we go. Dying, YET behold we live.

The Eighth YET 2 Cor. 6:10

As Sorrowful YET, always rejoicing

The People of God are a sorrowful, YET rejoicing people. Sorrowful because of the Sin, Stuff and Separation connected with the flesh. Rejoicing because of the YET, possible only by Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. To sorrow is to grieve.

The three above S's are the root cause of grief—Sin, Stuff, Separation. Over against Sin we place Repentance; against Stuff we place Redemption; against Separation we place the Rapture. Three S's and three R's!

Blessed (or happy) are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. Jesus in that marvelous Sermon on the Mount was giving the basic principles of the Kingdom. To mourn is to be sorrowful. Sin causes sorrow. Who can deny it? When sorrow, remorse and repentance comes into the heart for sin, rejoicing is just around the corner. Godly sorrow leadeth to repentance.

The second great avenue of sorrow is Stuff, or the material things. Stuff is to be mastered by man, not man by the stuff. Mary considered nothing too good for her Lord. She secured the most costly perfume which others considered waste when put at the feet of Jesus Christ, but Jesus made very tender remarks about her gift. When the sin-forgiven heart places all the stuff at the feet of Jesus there is great rejoicing. Thus stuff is redeemed and used for His glory.

The third cause of sorrow is separation; removal from those we love.

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An Appreciation

Dr. Barney E. Antrobus, Pastor First Baptist Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana, assumed the responsibility for bringing the Defenders' Convention to his city late last year, and the spacious auditorium of his church was used for the three daily meetings. A few weeks after the Convention closed, when Dr. Antrobus had had sufficient opportunity to observe the results of the gathering, he wrote Mr. Winrod as follows:

"I feel it is time to return thanks for the inestimable blessing The Defenders brought to Crawfordsville and the First Baptist Church. The impact of the Convention on the city was tremendous. The entire city and country around was moved as perhaps it never was before, and that in the right direction, in so brief a time as one week. The universal opinion of all Bible lovers that I have heard from is that a revival should have been carried on following the Convention, if we could have kept part of the Convention personnel.

"One fine upstanding young college student was converted during the week. Many requests for prayer were made, and many college and high school students were greatly strengthened in their Christian lives. This church has six young men studying for and pledged to the gospel ministry, four of whom are now in college. They drank in the Convention with great delight. Some of the city pastors and many out of town pastors attended the Convention with great profit; one pastor saying that it had changed his preaching for the future.

"Every speaker and helper in the party was well pleasing to the great crowds that thronged the Convention. There is a very strong desire in the church and in the city to have them again, if possible. May our dear Lord Jesus Christ more and more bless and sanctify the ministry of The Defenders. 2 Chronicles 7:1, 2. Amen!"

Smoot Opposes Smut

On his 68th birthday last month, United States Senator Reed Smoot, the high-minded Mormon of Utah, said: "I am drawing dividends from the life I have lived since boyhood. I have never drunk liquor in my life. I have never smoked. I have always eaten good plain food and loved work. I never was lazy and never saw a time when I did not have plenty to do. I have wronged nobody. I was fortunate in marrying. My children have had a marvelous mother, a superb home-maker. Of all the blessings I have received, she was the greatest."

Mrs. Smoot died in November, 1928.

This prominent Republican statesman is one of the outstanding leaders for moral purity and national righteousness in the Senate. Early in January it was disclosed that he had spent a good share of the holidays in reading one filthy book after another. Paradoxical as this may sound, it is true. He used his blue pencil on passages that were particularly obscene, and he turned down the corners of many pages for future reference. It was duty and not preference that prompted the Senator to peruse these books. He showed some of the more unprintable passages to newspaper men and commented: "The Senate will be so shocked by these books that it will all but unanimously strike the Cutting Amendment from the bill." Equally shocked was Senator Watson of Indiana, who expressed himself as being favorable to Senator Smoot's attitude.

FUTURE DEFENDERS' CONVENTIONS

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standing in the community and is not associated with any sect. His is the only church in the town that is really giving a clean, vital, dynamic testimony. More souls are saved each year in his Tabernacle than in all the other churches of the community combined.

It so happens that I know both Rev. A— of Ohio and Rev. B— of Illinois personally. I think it would be a blessed thing for these two men to meet in person. Both will be encouraged and blessed by comparing notes and by praying together. There are about 500 Rev. A's and Rev. B's in America who should be invited to the May convention. Some sort of an Association should be formed through which they can make their fellowship permanent.

It must be only a basis for fellowship and in no sense a denomination. This proposed Association is by no means limited to independent preachers, though the plan was originally conceived to meet their need. Pastors of all denominations and no denominations will be cordially invited. Religious leaders of all doctrines and faiths will be welcome into this Association. Doctrinal differences will not be discussed. The idea is not a merger in any sense; the plan is simply to provide a means for mutual blessing and fellowship. Let there be no misunderstanding in this regard.

The Defenders have no doctrinal statement. They don't need it. They profess to have no corner on truth. Christian fellowship should be in life, and not on creed. If the Movement were going to select a doctrinal statement, the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians would probably suffice. As a matter of fact, a correct doctrinal statement has never been written in any age by any sect or denomination. Most statements of Faith say too much and none of them say enough. No statement or creed ever written mentions Divine Love — the one great essential.

It is dangerous to split doctrinal hairs. Water often freezes into ice, and Christian experience sometimes freezes into doctrine. Theology and botany have their places, but Christian experience and roses are better. In the proposed Association of evangelical ministers we want to exclude no one who knows Christ as a living Reality.

It is needless to remark that no heresy can ever touch The Defenders' Movement, because of its anointing from God. If you want to fellowship in evangelical Christian bonds, you are welcome. If you want to quarrel about doctrinal differences, cast your lot elsewhere.

Gerald B. Winrod

The situation, briefly, is this: Senator Cutting of New Mexico attached an amendment to the Tariff Bill, which made it impossible for Customs Agents to censor literature imported into this country from foreign lands. Senator Smoot is determined to protect the American people against this intellectual outrage. From the Customs Bureau he secured forty of the "rawest" foreign volumes which had leaked into the United States. He marked the books and prepared himself to present concrete arguments favoring censorship. He is determined to make the Senate reverse itself.

He has requested a secret legislative session of the Senate, in which to discuss these matters. There has never been a secret session held since the Senate moved from Philadelphia to Washington. Senator Smoot said that if he did not get a secret session, that he would discuss the matter openly. If he does, the Senate will have a blush coming.

Power From On High

Rev. John Greenfield, the well-known Moravian evangelist, has written a very helpful book, describing the great Moravian revival, which resulted in the conversion of John and Charles Wesley, entitled "Power from On High." The regular price of the book is 35c per copy, but Rev. Greenfield now announces that he will send it free of charge to all missionaries on the foreign fields who will write for it. He may be addressed at Warsaw, Indiana.

AN AMAZING FLIP-FLOP

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lands of Asia, but in the relatively high, invigorating uplands of a country such as central Asia was in Miocene or Oligocene time — a country totally unfitted to any form of anthropoid ape."

Dr. Osborn's flip-flop should be a warning to the dogmatic scientist who has too often ridiculed the Genesis statement of creation. Of course, Dr. Osborn has not accepted the story of creation as presented in the Word of God, but it is comforting at least, to know that he has taken the ape taint off of the human family. He has made wonderful progress, and this is comforting. Some day every competent scientist will do what Dr. Osborn has done. The scientist of the future will cast the whole idea of man's animal origin on the scrap-heap. With the coming of new scientific knowledge, the time will come when evolution will be relegated to the realm of such discards as the alchemist's idea of transmuting baser metals into gold, and the Ptolemy system of astronomy that the earth is square and flat.

In delivering the president's address at the 1929 session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on December 26th, Dr. Osborn said: "I believe in the evolution of man, but I do not believe he came from apes. He came along a path of his own, and never passed through the ape stage."

—Gerald B. Winrod.

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World Events In The Light Of Prophecy

By, Oswald J. Smith
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Amazonia

Amazonia contains the greatest river system in the world, draining an area of 3,000,000 square miles. Three times as large as the basin of the Congo, the Amazon actually carries 70,000 tons of water to the sea every second, freshening it for 200 miles out. It consists of about 100,000 miles of navigable waterways. Seven of its main tributaries are over 1,000 miles long, while three pass the 2,000 mark! Imagine the Amazon transferred to Europe with its mouth at the gulf of Lyons, and we should see tributaries stretching to Scotland, Norway, across Russia to Archangel, and down to the borders of the Caspian, with stray branches tapping the Balkan Peninsula.

Such is the vast territory that now for the first time is being invaded by pioneer missionary forces. For this is the home of 400 tribes of Indians most of whom have never seen a white man and have never heard the name of Jesus. Can our Lord return before these tribes have been evangelized? Is it for them He is waiting? It may be that therein lies the last task of the Church. "This Gospel . . . shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14). Do we believe it? If so, God help us to get it to the Indians of the Amazon as speedily as possible.

What Does It Mean?

Perhaps the greatest revival of all time has taken place on the Ivory Coast since the World War started. It is reported that from 50,000 to 100,000 have been swept into the Kingdom. And the human instrument was a man by the name of Harris, the Black Prophet. What does it mean?

In India Sadhu Sundar Singh, a native of the country, has toured everywhere and on all sides multitudes have been influenced for God through his remarkable testimony. What does it mean?

Paul Kanamouri, a Japanese, has preached his Three Hour Sermon all over Japan and has won thousands to Jesus Christ. What does it mean?

Why has God chosen natives and used them so mightily? Why General Feng? And Leland Wang? And others? And in Africa with no white man's help? Why? What does it mean? Can it be a rebuke to the Church of Christ? Have we failed to carry out our Lord's last command? And has God been compelled at last to pick up untrained natives and use them to do what we should have done? Is that what it means? Well, the Judgment Seat is near. We will know, and that before long. But — God help us when we find out why!

Absolution

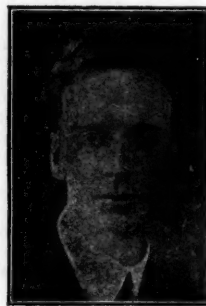
The following incident from The Dawn most vividly sets forth the central weakness of Roman Catholicism and demonstrates the power and sufficiency of the Word of God. Thank God for the blood! But here is the incident itself:

A Spanish woman was once condemned to death for the murder of her child. The priest heard her confessions, and absolved her; but at the end of it all her remorse and despair were pitiful to see. The priest arranged for a second confession, lest there should be any sins she had forgotten, and again he gave her absolution; but her agony

and remorse were just the same. "Is there nothing more you can do for me?" she cried; "oh, how dare I meet God with my sins!" Moved by compassion, the priest said: "Well, there is one thing more; it is written in the Bible, 'the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses from all sin.'" "Is that true?" she cried, "how do you know it is?" "It is true," replied the priest, "for the Word of God says so, and that must be true." In a moment the woman's face was changed completely. "Oh," she cried, "why didn't you tell me that before?" Her tears of anguish became tears of joy. Next day she went to the execution with perfect composure; while her father-confessor was so astonished at the effect of that single verse, that he began studying the doctrines of grace, and ultimately joined the Spanish Reformers.

Communism

According to The Los Angeles Times conditions in Russia, especially among the children, are most deplorable. As far back as



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1924 there were no less than 7,000,000 registered, 800,000 of whom were in the homes provided by the State. "That they should be vicious and criminal," says The Times, "is inevitable. There is nothing to prevent it; they have no morals. They hear religion laughed at; they see it persecuted; there is no reason why they should resist any impulse. In the State homes they are taught atheism. L. Mikhailoff has borne witness to two boys, aged ten and twelve, from a good home, who told what they were taught there. 'We were daily told terrible things about God and the Virgin; we were not allowed to pray, our crosses were taken away and thrown into the gutter. We were terrorized.'" As for their marrying, the word has become a farce in Russia, where marriage and divorce are to be entered on as often as one pleases. The young people merely copy their elders, and there is no one to deny them in a State where gratification of the sexual instinct is authoritatively declared to be as natural and right as drinking 'a glass of water.' These ideas, with the teaching of atheism and the marriage laws, explain the viciousness and criminality of the young, the prevalence of venereal disease among them, the occurrence of maternity at fourteen or fifteen years of age, and the perpetual renewal of the homeless children."

Well, so be it! The days of Sodom must return. The End-Time signs are many, and this is but one of them. Mercy or judgment

awaits mankind. Let Russia refuse Mercy and Judgment must inevitably follow. Events move on apace.

A New Record

The German steamship Bremen, the new speed queen of the Atlantic, tore into New York harbor recently with a record-smashing mark of four days, seventeen hours, and forty-two minutes from Cherbourg, thus beating the record previously held by the Mauretania for twenty-two years. The average speed of the Bremen was 32 miles an hour. She is the fastest, the most powerful, the third longest and the fourth largest ship in the world. She has ten decks, four screws, is a 50,000 ton oil burner, can accommodate 2,200 passengers, and cost \$20,000,000 to build. Her length is 888 feet, which means that she is surpassed in length only by the Majestic and the Leviathan. In 1819 the little Savannah which was the first steamship to cross the Atlantic took 29 days. What a contrast! The Mauretania boasts turbines of 75,000 horsepower and the Leviathan 100,000, whereas the Bremen can develop a total of 130,000 horsepower which makes her the most powerful liner afloat. When near a port a compressed air catapult launches a mail plane from the top deck. The Bremen has 14 water-tight bulkheads; hence she claims to be unsinkable. Her boilers and turbines are in two groups; consequently she claims to be the safest vessel afloat. All of which reminds us of the Titanic disaster and the prophecy of Daniel regarding increased travel in the End-Time.

The New Decree

The laws of the Bolsheviks originally gave permission for both religious and anti-religious propaganda. Though in practice the government always assisted in the propagation of the latter and hindered where possible the former. It never has been more than a "scrap of paper" law. Now, however, the Bolsheviks have shown their colors, and the following news item taken from The Times outlines their real policy. For a new decree has been published in Moscow changing several of the paragraphs of the original.

This new text, says The Times, raises Atheism to the status of a State dogma by deleting from the Constitution the phrases hitherto granting all religions and atheism equal freedom, and by formally granting to atheists a monopoly of the right to teach their beliefs. The government organ Izvestia has opened a subscription list, contributions to which are accepted only from the godless, for a new army aeroplane which is to be christened Antichrist. The economic boycott (Rev. 13:17) is already a reality. A Russian sailor recently remarked in London:—"When a Russian ship enters a Russian port a Bolshevik committee come aboard and ask the Captain whether he will fly the Bolshevik flag. If the captain agrees the Bolsheviks take command, and the captain has no power or authority so long as the vessel is in port. If the captain refuses they do not molest him. They go away very quietly. But when captain, officers, and crew, go ashore they find they cannot buy a single article in that town. No one dare sell them anything."

Confidence

Trust Him when dark doubts assail thee,
Trust Him when thy strength is small;
Trust Him when to simply trust Him
Seems the hardest thing of all.

Trust Him, He is ever faithful:
Trust Him for His will is best;
Trust Him, for the heart of Jesus
Is the only place of rest.

Trust Him, then, through cloud and sunshine,
All thy cares upon Him cast,
Till the storms of life are over,
And the trusting days are past.

Lust and Atheism In Our Schools and Collages

There is a prevalence of the notion that all things religious must be scrupulously eliminated from our public school system. If this policy is continued, we should also eliminate everything that is irreligious in order to be consistent. Books with an atheistic tendency can be found in the average schoolroom and school library. That this condition frequently prevails in Grade and High Schools cannot be successfully disputed.

Childlike language is frequently used in books for even the first and second grades in presenting Evolution to helpless babes. These teachings are often very subtle and they fire the imagination of the child. Thus, the foundation is laid for more involved teachings during High School years. For instance, there is a series of books used as first and second readers under such titles as "The Tree Dwellers," "The Cave Men," etc., etc. These books invariably tell the story of Evolution in the language of the child.

It is hoped that the day may soon come when we shall be as eager to protect the minds of our children as we are their bodies, in the public schools. In Christian America, where so many tax-payers are Bible Christians, no teacher should be allowed to teach atheistic philosophies, nor should State text-book authorities put such books in the hands of teachers, for use in Grade and High Schools.

Of course, the condition is much more serious in the higher institutions of learning. Not a few State Universities maintain department of philosophy or psychology, which are fundamentally anti-religious in their teaching. We read in the magazine, *The Presbyterian*: "The head of one such department recently published a book in which he spoke of belief in a personal God and in the immortality of the individual as outgrown notions which religion was discarding as it was 'getting of age.' Such a department in the interests of honesty might be re-named 'The Department of Atheism.'"

The Defender has high regard for *The Presbyterian* for daring to publish a fearless discussion of Freudianism in its columns, and because of the importance of the discussion, the article is being re-printed in these columns. This timely article was written by Rev. Walter Albion Squires. It is as follows:

"An even more dangerous menace to religion is found in the Freudian psychology, now so prevalent in many of our higher institutions of learning. There are few psychological or philosophical theories which do not contain some elements of truth, and possibly this is true of Freudianism, but if such is the case, the system is so overloaded with error that it is wholly unreliable. Freud's theory of an Unconscious Mind where all sorts of loathsome urges are ever struggling to break forth into acts of beastly lewdness, looks like a slander on human nature which goes far beyond anything which has ever been attributed to John Calvin and his theory of total depravity. Calvin taught that apart from the grace of God there was nothing good in man, but he also recognized the widespread grace of God in human hearts. Freud thinks of man as all vile within and as maintaining only a semblance of decency by the aid of a mythical psychological Censor who keeps the wild-beast urges of his nature in some sort of subjection.

"One of the leading psychologists of the University of Pennsylvania has declared that there is no scientific justification for Freud's basic theories. Not all of the psychologists of America have become victims of the prevalent Freudian craze.

"In his writings, Freud has listed over

five hundred dreams which he claims have sexual significance. The books of the Psycho-analysts are veritable dream books. The most innocent of dreams are interpreted in such a way as to give them the most obscene meanings imaginable. Personally, I find nothing in the superstitions of the North American Indians or in beliefs of ancient Roman augurs more absurd than these Freudian dream interpretations. Then there is the Freudian theory of the Edippus and the Electra complexes. If I should explain what these theories are and this article were published in *The Presbyterian*, the publishers would lay themselves liable to fine and imprisonment for sending obscene literature through the mails. Yet these complexes are found in the writings of the Freudians.

"Perhaps the most sinister element in Freudianism lies in its doctrine of introversion. It is held that the repression of natural urges, especially those related to sex, leads to abnormal nervous states, to what the Freudians call introversion. Respressions long continued lead to nervous disorders and possibly to insanity. One Freudian book attempts to show that the belief of Christians in the atoning work of Christ is a result of the introversion which these people have brought upon themselves by repressions. You may not believe it, but this said book has been widely recommended for use in classes studying religious education.

"If Freudianism were a mere theory, there might not be cause for serious alarm concerning its prevalence in our institutions of learning; theories come and go, and Freudianism has all the ear-marks of a temporary fad. But Freudianism is something more than a theory, it is a philosophy of life. The more you study it, the more you will see that it is nothing but old paganism parading in new clothing. It is the ages-old foe of the Christian faith; yea, older still, for it is, in my candid judgment, a lineal descendant of the abomination of the Ammonites.

"That the situation is serious is evident to thoughtful people who are well-informed concerning present-day tendencies in education. Every now and then there is a flare-up in some college or university which reveals the state of affairs. As a result of a sex questionnaire, used recently in the University of Missouri, there were investigations which led to the dismissal of one professor and the suspension of another for a year. The questionnaire was plainly based on Freudian principles. Similar questionnaires placed in the hands of young women students have caused protest in several other leading educational institutions in our country.

"In a Southern college which was supported by public taxes, a girl from a Christian home rebelled in sorrow and shame when taught Freudianism by a male instructor. She took her father into her confidence and told him something about the contents of the text-books she was required to study. The father investigated. He examined the text-book in use and the reference books which the instructor required the girls of the class to consult. He was dumbfounded, as any well-meaning laymen might well be at first touch with Freudianism. The father went to the president of the school, but his coming was resented as unwarranted interference with academic freedom. The father did not give up; he began to let the facts be known. He told his friends about the books in use in the class and sent them a few extracts from the same. Some of the books were removed from the reference shelves of the college.

The father of the girl, having made a start, carried his investigation into other state institutions of learning. The objectionable books were found there, too. He found them in the schools of many other states. At his own expense, this good citizen carried on his investigation. But the Freudians were encountered in force. They evidently decided that this daring crusader against their academic rights must be eliminated. He has been indicted for sending obscene literature through the mails, and must within a few weeks stand trial before a Federal Court. It seems to be perfectly safe to teach Freudianism to college girls, but it is a different matter when, in defense of his child, a father makes a few quotations from the text-book in use to help eliminate Freudian teaching from a tax-supported school.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS ARE SLIPPING

By, Gerald B. Winrod

"In my opinion the dying missionary zeal of the Church will not be revived without a revolution as fundamental as that which led the churches, in the first place, to dare to proclaim their gospel to the ends of the earth. Foreign missions, from having been an agency of spiritual regeneration, are fast becoming merely a church-supported philanthropy. As a philanthropy it is doomed not only to failure, but to extinction. The emptying treasuries of many mission boards is tragic testimony to the fact that men and women who might be enlisted in a world enterprise that was dynamically religious will simply not give their money to one that seems to them to constitute chiefly an ecclesiastical rival of State and privately supported charities."

These timely words were spoken by Dr. Stanley High a short time ago at a regional meeting of the Congregational Churches of New England, at New Britain, Connecticut. Dr. High was Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions until he recently became editor of *The Christian Herald*. Not long ago he toured mission fields in Asia, Africa and Europe.

Dr. High continued: "The primary business for which missionaries went out to the field, and for which we gave of our resources to support them, was evangelical. One thing—and one thing only we had, uniquely to give them. That one thing was the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ."

"Unfortunately for our missionary program, and also, I believe, for our own souls, this fundamental purpose has been slipping more and more into the background. What are the concerns of the mission board and the mission agency? To what do we tie up our present-day appeals for money? Isn't our language, today, the language of ecclesiastical institutionalism? And are not our major missionary agencies devoted, these days, to the perpetuation of these institutions? Where does the individual, life-changing process—which, I repeat, is the only fundamental thing that the Christians of the West have to give to the non-Christian world—just where does that regenerating process come in? Well, in my estimation it comes in for a decidedly minor emphasis. And a declining missionary income which is only a reflection of a declined missionary interest is the result."

These are choice words, well spoken, and at an opportune time. "Slipping" is the right word. The awful, deadening, paralyzing effect of Modernism has well-nigh pulled the teeth out of vigorous Gospel endeavor on those foreign fields which are under the control of the larger denominations. The "Slipping" has become a "land-slide," and in consequence, the missionary passion and vision is being lost. At a time when the greatest opportunities in the history of missions are open to the Church, involving improved conditions in heathen lands, such as hard-surfaced roads, which are being laid down even in the jungles; rapid methods of steamship transportation to and from the fields; automobiles and gasoline available for the missionaries; fast mail, telephone and radio means of communication—at a time like this, when we should be functioning at our highest and best, the various Boards are retrenching, pulling missionaries home, and contributions are drying up.

Will the Church regain her lost vision? Has she sufficient vitality to recuperate? Remember, the Church is an organism and organisms are subject to parasites. The leech is a blood-sucking parasite. Modernism has been engaged for a good many years in sucking the life blood out of the veins of the Church. "The life of the flesh is in the blood"—Moses gave this definition of the

fact of the circulation of the blood, many centuries before Sir William Harvey was born.

The life of the Church is in the blood—the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son. Modernism is a parasite. It has no blood. It utterly repudiates the Blood Gospel of the New Testament. It sucks blood. It has been sucking the Blood of Jesus Christ out of the Church for many years. The result is, the Church has been left in a weakened condition. It has blood-poison. Its healthy cell structure has been torn down. Its glands are weakened. Will the organism build up again? The only hope is, to immediately destroy the stinking parasites of Modernism, Infidelity and Rationalism, which are sucking out blood and pumping poison into the organism. The hope is, an immediate return to the proclamation of the regenerating, transforming, supernatural, Holy Ghost, New Testament Gospel. The so-called "Social Gospel" has failed miserably.

Modernism is destroying the supernaturalism which characterized the Church in her creative days. The Church is of supernatural origin, and its real message is a supernatural testimony. It was never intended to compete with the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Red Cross. One whole denomination has gone wild over "THE SOCIAL GOSPEL," as if the social side were the all important side of Christianity. The Social Element in Christianity is a mere humanitarian by-product. The real Gospel is a supernatural, creative, transforming, regenerating POWER.

The problem of missions, with which all denominations are confronted, will be solved, if indeed it is ever solved—when the Church comes back to its "first love" and invades the dark places of the earth in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. The problem will be solved when its materialistic modernism is thrown overboard and its missionaries take with them an Inspired Book, a Supernatural Virgin-born Christ, a Blood Gospel and a Soul-passion for the lost. The unevangelized regions of the world do not need REFORMATION; they need REGENERATION.

Moreover, Modernism has contributed to the loss of evangelistic enthusiasm on the foreign fields as well as in the homeland. The Church needs a new sense of the VALUE OF A SOUL. It needs to realize in a new way that countless multitudes are slipping into an eternity of everlasting darkness for want of the Gospel light.

The Origin of Heathenism

By virtue of the present discussion, we are obliged at this point to consider briefly the origin of heathenism.

In the first place it must be understood that the heathen himself is directly responsible for his present condition. We read in the first chapter of Romans that he brought his unfortunate state upon himself and that he is "without excuse." As the sin of Adam is visited upon every member of Adam's race under the law of heredity, so also the sins of the heathen's ancestors are visited upon the heathen of today.

There is a light of conscience which lights up every mortal coming into this span of existence. John tells us that there is "a light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Justice holds man responsible for the light that he possesses. It is a dangerous thing to refuse to walk in the moral light which gleams upon our pathway. Much will be required of America because she has much light. The conscience was the light of heathen races in ages gone by.

The light of the conscience produces a very delicate and a very pure glow in the human soul. The conscience is an intricate and sensitive mechanism. Someone has said that the conscience is the alarm clock of the soul. It is a sensible person who obeys its jingle.

The heathen refused to walk in the light and we read that "God gave them up."

The most terrible passage of scripture in the Bible is Romans 1:20-28: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse; because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: For even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature; And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient."

Heathen lands are wrapped in the present cloud of darkness because they refused to walk in the light of conscience and the light of God as revealed in nature. They permitted themselves to follow the line of least resistance toward degeneration, and "God gave them up" to their own lusts, "vain imagination" and "vile affections." "They became fools and worshipped 'beasts and creeping things'."

Katherine Mayo, in her astounding book, "Mother India," tells of a Hindu who was milking a cow. The cow is, of course, sacred in India. The above scripture tells us why the cow, the monkey and other animals should be worshipped in heathen lands. This particular cow did something which made the Hindu angry and in a fit of rage, he cut off one of its legs. He could not kill it, of course, because it was sacred, so he tied up the wound. It was left to die slowly, while suffering the most terrible pain imaginable. It is dangerous to kill a fly or mash a bug in India, for you might be taking the life of a blood relative.

After riots, in India it is a common thing to see members of the lower castes lying dead on the streets, left there for the flesh to rot off their bones, while the sacred cows are taken care of tenderly by the high caste Brahmans. The cow is much more sacred than the human. It would be a sin for the Brahman to contaminate himself or his garments by touching the body of a member of a low caste.

These things are mentioned to show that the explanation of heathenism in the first chapter of Romans is in keeping with the actual conditions found in heathen lands, even down to the present hour.

We venture to suggest that the Social Gospel and Modernism on the mission fields of the world have caused hundreds of missionaries to lose the consciousness of the value of a soul. They forget that their primary interest should not be to reform and educate the heathen; the primary interest should be evangelism—the type of evangelism that saves deathless souls from eternal night.

THE ANTICS OF AN ANT

By, Rev. Keith L. Brooks, Editor Bible Lovers' Digest
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"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise: which having no guide, overseer or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest" (Prov. 6:6-8).

There are few people in these days who will take time to consider the ways of an ant. One who is disposed to do so will find a most interesting field of research before him, one that will require time and that will yield him some very practical lessons.

Naturalists say there are some 5000 known varieties. No wonder Solomon was interested in ants, for they have a distinct form of government, ruled by a king and queen. They have soldiers and keep servants. The king, however, is only a figure-head. (Lesson 1—for men only.)

A Sunday School teacher asked a boy to tell what he knew about the tower of Babel and he replied that it was the place where Solomon kept his 500 wives. If Solomon listened to them all, it is not strange that he was credited with being a very wise man.

The queen ant is larger than other members of the ant colony and has a pair of wings. She has undisputed authority in all matters. She is usually long-lived. The colony thrives while she lives and dwindles if she dies or is lost.

Energy of an Ant

The ant is the greatest example of diligence and industry in the world. It seldom sleeps. If men labored with as much energy, the store houses of the world would be overflowing and there would be no poverty. The ant's industry does not seem to be actuated by love or riches. Their idea seems to be to provide for one another and prepare for days when food will be scarce.

What a lesson in this for human beings! "I went by the field of the slothful," said Solomon, "and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding, and lo, it was all grown over with thorns, nettles had covered the face thereof and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then, I say and considered it well: I looked upon it and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come as one that travaileth; and thy want as an armed man" (Prov. 24:30-34). "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold, therefore shall he beg in harvest and have nothing" (Prov 20:4).

The Ant's Intelligence

The intelligence of the ant is not surpassed by creatures of much higher order. They plan things with care. They have manufacturing industries. They make tissue paper. From seeds they make bread and put it up in tiny loaves. They cultivate fungus beds on dead stumps for food. They keep cattle. They capture aphides and place them on grazing lands away from the colony. Shepherd ants look after the young ones. In cold weather, the older aphides are brought in and kept in corrals. The milk of the aphid is a honey-like substance.

Ants build apartment houses. Ant hills are conveniently built with quarters for stock, store rooms and granary on the first floor. The living rooms and nurseries are on the upper floors.

Ants have remarkable power of memory. If you catch the queen of a colony and keep it for weeks, when you return it to the colony, the members will recognize it immediately and there will be great rejoicing. The ability of the ant to find its way out, travel-

ling long distances, is another remarkable trait.

Many human beings have not yet learned to use their heads. "Wisdom is the principal thing," said Solomon, "therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding. Exalt her and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to honor when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thee head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory she shall deliver to thee" (Prov. 4:7-9).

Ants Athletic Creatures

If man's strength and achievement in engineering should be measured by insect standards, many of our successes would be entirely overshadowed. Eiffel tower was built with the aid of all sorts of hoisting machinery, but the tower is no higher in proportion than an ant hill reared with claws and mandibles alone. If a baggage man could carry loads as heavy as an ant will carry, he could lift a half-ton truck to the top of Washington monument and not get up a sweat.

The young ants tackle objects much larger and heavier than themselves and wrestle



Rev. Keith L. Brooks

with it time after time until they have developed ability to get away with it. "A man of knowledge increaseth his strength," said the wise man again (Prov. 24: 5). Paul taught that bodily exercise was profitable when kept in proper relationship to spiritual things (1 Tim. 4:8).

Ants Are Co-Active

We can learn much from ants as to their spirit of cooperation. Some ants follow military life. There is always perfect organization. If a catastrophe befalls a colony, the ants are apparently directed as to the course to take, and each one obeys in removing the young and the furnishings of the hill, to a place of safety.

The exodus of the Israelites could not have been more orderly than is the migration of a nation of ants. A recent writer in the Atlantic Monthly, told of noticing a black streak down the mountain side back of her home one morning. It was found to be a column of ants in migration. Following their leaders, they marched straight over everything in their path. There was perfect order. Larger ants were ahead. Guards marched at the sides in regular intervals. Each regiment was V shape and the ranks were never broken if a part of the regiment met with a rock or post. The others slowed up until their comrades had gone the extra distance.

Suppose we had this kind of cooperation in the church today! An old pastor remarked: "The members of my church seem to be like a cabbage patch. They get on

better when planted far apart." It is a sad fact that many who are in agreement as to the great foundation facts of Christianity, cannot be brought together to work harmoniously shoulder-to-shoulder together in the work of God's kingdom. Let us go to the ant, and consider her ways.

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THAT MAN MUSSOLINI

By, Gerald B. Winrod

"Watch Your Step"

Many an Italian has been put to death for resisting Mussolini, the "Strong Man," and his policies. Only a few enemies have escaped his wrath. Francesco Nitti is one of the few and he fled from Italy to Paris, thus saving his life. Perhaps no man, except the Pope, has dared to openly oppose Mussolini with the determination of Nitti.

When announcements were made at the turn of the year that the G. P. Putnam's Sons Publishers, of New York and London, were publishing a book by Nitti, Fascists everywhere went wild with rage. George Palmer Putnam was in London at the time, and according to press reports, he received many violent threats.

One such letter from Paris is quoted as follows: "We have read newspapers here that you will publish the work of Francesco Nitti. But this must not be done. Fascism will not tolerate such an offense. We and our New York correspondents will know what to do. All the wretched police in New York will not be able to prevent your establishment from being blown into the air with two bombs. We have already warned Fascists in New York. For your own safety and security, you must not publish Nitti's book. We know how to gain our object."

—"THE FASCISTS OF PARIS."

Another letter read as follows: "So you will publish a book against Mussolini and Fascism wrote by the idiot Nitti! And what do you know of Italy? You think a dirty man escaped from jail can judge Mussolini, the most great man in the world? Certainly not! . . . You must understand that, acting like this against Italy, if a Fascist as myself, who is just going to America, meets you in New York or Chicago or some other place, and smashes you in the face, you can't say he is not right. Watch your step."

—"A BLACK SHIRT."

The Putnam Company refused to be bluffed or brow-beaten, and the book by Nitti, which is said to be the most daring exposure of the crimes of the European Dictator ever written, is expected to be ready for delivery early in February.

Fascism

Red propaganda and anarchy were rampant in Italy after the World War. The government was in a state of collapse. The land was being ravaged by Bolshevism. There were daily riots and crimes. The nation was going to pieces. Mussolini was then editor of a newspaper in Milan.

During this time, his soul was experiencing the birth-pangs of Fascism. Over a period of months, he demonstrated his ability as an organizer by creating little groups of "black shirts" throughout Italy. From these nerve-centers poured 100,000 soldiers on that eventful night, October 27, 1922, when all Italy was swept under his control.

On October 16, he called a meeting at the Fascist headquarters in Milan. He opened the discussion himself, and in a few brief words announced that the hour for a revolution had come. His revolutionary clock was striking. For weeks he had been making preparations for this moment, and not even the smallest details had escaped his attention. Careful plans had been made for taking over public offices, telephones, banks, newspapers, telegraphs and government buildings in all the principal cities of the land. Three mighty columns of Fascists started advancing upon Rome, at a given

signal, and the Eternal City was taken in a bloodless revolution in one night. It was all done with such rapidity and precision that the world hardly realized what had happened.

Daniel, in describing the rise of the Antichrist — that monster superman, foretold in the prophecies to reign in heartless tyranny during the end of the present age — says, "He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province."

Antichrist or Harbinger?

Mussolini's phenomenal rise to power harmonizes with the above prediction of Daniel. It will not be successfully disputed that Mussolini has many of the characteristic attributed to the Antichrist in Bible prophecies. There is, of course, no positive proof at the present time that he will become the "Man of Sin," but many Bible students agree that he is the best candidate for the office that the world has ever seen. He will bear watching. He may be simply the har-



binge of another who will come later. Like Christ, the Antichrist may also have a "John the Baptist."

The Fascists all wear black shirts. The color black is always associated with demon power. Daniel says that the Antichrist will understand "dark sentences." In his autobiography, Mussolini says, "The black shirt — symbol of hardihood — was our uniform of war."

The American Dime

Fascism means "ax-ism." In ancient times the Roman officers carried fasces (axes) in bundles of sticks. This was a sign of authority like the policeman's star in our day. Mussolini revived this old symbol for his modern Fascists. This Roman emblem can be seen on the "tails" side of any new American dime.

"Fierce Countenance"

Daniel prophesied: "And in the latter time . . . a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up." Again ". . . even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows."

The newspapers and magazines of the

world have talked about the fierce and piercing glare of Mussolini's eyes. The *London Times* says, "All the world knows those pictures of the 'Duce,' the flaming eyes, the stern mouth, hoisted chin and haughty gesture."

In the *Literary Digest* we read:

"It has been remarked by some who have studied many photographs of Mussolini since his accession to power — and they say that he is as devoted to the camera as the Kaiser used to be — that the desire to excite fear by facial expression has settled into a permanent characteristic of his countenance before the camera and on public occasions; and it is this which is seized upon and translated into pen-and-ink fantasy by caricaturists of the world."

Reviving Rome

The supreme desire of Mussolini seems to be to restore to Rome her ancient glory and territory. He longs to make Italy prosperous.

Only recently he said: "Within five years, Rome must become the most wonderful city in the world in the eyes of all people of the Globe. My ideas are clear, my orders are precise and I am sure they will soon be translated into concrete facts. Vast, well-ordered, powerful as in the days of the first empire of Augustus, Rome must again become the wonder of the whole world."

For fifty years students of Bible prophecy have predicted that the Antichrist would revive old Rome. Is it a mere coincidence that at this very time the man should be living who regards himself as being raised up by destiny to accomplish this very thing?

In *Forum*, the secular magazine, we read: ". . . large groups among the middle classes of France, Spain, Germany, and England are pining for dictatorship, and every type looks for salvation to a Superman . . . I believe from conversation with two of his lieutenants that what the Italian Superman is aiming at is a sort of Holy Roman Empire,—at the head of it, God and His Superman . . . In fact, we are to have old Rome revived, but upon an immensely vaster scale and with iron discipline of which even the Caesars never dreamed . . . 'Breed me more sons!' he cries to Italian mothers, and they cry in return, 'Dux, we will breed them!'"

Mussolini is a born actor. He knows how to do the dramatic thing at the dramatic moment. He is always alert, active and dynamic. Unseen forces and agencies doubtless play in his behalf. Open doors are thrust before him, and he has a way of doing the right thing at the right time to advance his interests and build himself more securely into the public mind.

For instance, it was not so long ago that Rome, Georgia, was to lay the cornerstone of a textile mill. It was Mussolini who took note. It was Mussolini who had a stone taken from the crumbling walls of the old Roman Coliseum. It was Mussolini who sent the stone to Rome, Georgia. It was Mussolini who sent also a she-wolf of high breed. It was Mussolini who was photographed in the cage with the wolf. It was Mussolini's name and picture that appeared far and wide in connection with this trivial circumstance.

The United States has thirteen other towns by the name of Rome. Perhaps other Romes will receive cornerstones and she-wolves.

Mussolini's Mysterious Machine

Most observers attribute the success of Mussolini's political machine to the fact that the press of his country has been gagged ever since he came into power. Certain Russian, French, German and English newspapers come out with frequent attacks upon the Dictator and his policies, but no editor in Italy ever dares to express himself against the "Strong Man" or his methods. Journalists everywhere have protested

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against this outrage against "Freedom of Speech." The English publication, *The Round Table*, expresses its feelings in the following language:

"The Italian reader does not often take his newspaper seriously. If he did, he would picture the whole world as lost in admiration of Fascist Italy, and adverse criticism as simply prompted by jealousy. Unless, then, he has a taste for propaganda, the foreign visitor will do well to go to some other source than the press for his facts. But the worst of it is that these other sources have generally a bias the other way. They are anti-Fascist, and usually equally unreliable, so that one must be cautious. That is one of the drawbacks of a repressive system. On the one hand, you have people who believe everything; on the other, those who believe nothing. If you were to travel about Italy with plenty of private introductions, you could not help being struck by the obvious exaggeration which characterizes everything good or bad that one hears about Fascism. Fascists shout its praises; its opponents breathe its faults into your ear and there is no possibility of checking either. But, as human nature is naturally quicker to believe evil than good, more attention is paid to the whisperers than to the shouters."

"Mussolini is like George III, who used to say, 'I only desire what is good; therefore, every one who does not agree with me is a traitor.'" Mussolini has got rid of his traitors. Socialist papers have been suppressed, Liberal, Conservative, and Clerical ones have changed hands — friends of the regime were, to put it mildly, invited to buy them up. Journalists who refused to sign a declaration of loyalty to the Duce were debarred from joining the Fascist Press Syndicate, and so found their pens no good to them, as they are not allowed to write. It has taken some time to bring all this about, but since 1926, no journalist who does not become, or pretend to become, a Fascist has been tolerated."

The Dictator's machine assures him of the political support that he needs in order to keep his government under complete control. The "Fascist Grand Council" simply selects the names that it wants to appear on the ballot at election time and the Italian voter is instructed to write "yes" or "no" on election day — if such an arrangement can be called an election. No other political party is permitted to appear on the ballots. This plan is referred to as "Mussolini's original contribution to the evolution of the parliamentary system." Thus, elections in Italy have become purely automatic.

An Amazing Disclosure

Few realized the great proportions that Fascism had taken in America until the article entitled, "MUSSOLINI'S AMERICAN EMPIRE" appeared in the November (1929) number of *Harpers Magazine*. It attracted instant and wide attention.

The article stirred the State Department of the United States government to action and investigation. Senator James Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, made a powerful speech before the Senate, in which he called upon Secretary Stimson to send the Senate all information that the State Department possessed on the alleged activities of the Fascist League in the United States.

An inquiry was made and quiet, diplomatic hints were dropped to Rome by our government.

Mr. Duffield charged in the *Harpers* article that the Fascist League of North America has about 120 local branches, called *Fascios*, scattered throughout the United States. As soon as our government took the matter in hand, 93 of these chapters disbanded.

Newspaper reporters gathered at the New York headquarters of the Fascist League in time to see its emblems and insignia packed up and shipped back to Rome. Count Ignazio Thaon di Revel of the League

is quoted as saying, "As a remembrance of the limpid and heroic page made sacred by the sacrifice of our martyrs, the banners and history of the chapters will be offered to the historical museum of Fascism."

An impatient reporter answered the Count: "What about Mussolini saying that Fascism had trampled several times on the prostrate form of Democracy, and would do so again?" The Fascist answered: "Ah, but he doesn't mean America!"

The following phrases of the oath of the Fascist League of North America have been characterized as a "naive patchwork of contradictory vows" — "I swear on my honor: To love, serve, obey and exalt the United States of America . . . To keep alive the cult with Italy as the Fatherland and the eternal light of civilization and greatness. . . . To submit to the discipline of the hierarchy of the Fascist League of North America."

The Duffield Article

The *Harpers* article opens with the following astounding charge: "Fascism, which has seemed remote to the New World, has reached across the seas to fasten its grip upon four million Americans of Italian extraction. Although many of them are naturalized citizens, Mussolini considers them as his subjects and is attempting to rule what he regards as his outlying colony in this country."

It is charged that an Italian political organization has been set up in the United States which resembles "an unofficial government." "He (Mussolini) provides Fascist schools and courts here and even imposes taxes. If Mussolini's 'subjects' in this country, insisting on their Americanism, refuse to accept his rule, Fascists agents persecute them by boycott and intimidation. Should they visit Italy, they are often held there by force or compelled to serve training periods in the army. Neither in this country nor in Italy does American citizenship safeguard the Italo-American from Fascist domination or terrorization . . . Looking forward to the next war, he is trying to keep Americans of Italian extraction thoroughly Italianized and loyal to him so they will respond to his call to arms. He sees no reason why perhaps a half million potential soldiers of Fascism should slip from his grasp by becoming Americanized."

The United States' Investigation

Considering this phase of the question, the Associated Press announced that on October 25, Secretary Stimson sent instructions to the American Embassy in Rome to take up with the Italian government the matter of American citizens of Italian extraction having their passports torn up and being forced into the military service of Italy.

On October 26, the Italian Ambassador to the United States issued a statement in which he declared that the Italian Military law "is not a system unique in the relations between the United States and Italy, such a system existing in numerous other countries." An editorial in the December *Harpers* declared that, "The Ambassador's statement made no reference, so far as we are aware, to various other charges in the Duffield article." The *Harpers* editorial continued:

"It was reported, too, that Senator Borah believed that the question of Fascist activities in America would have to be threshed out on the Senate floor and that he was disposed to raise the issue himself but was delaying the offensive in order not to complicate the coming Naval Conference."

Senator Borah feels that Fascist activities here are much more disturbing than Bolshevism. An organization called "American Friends of Italian Freedom" has been formed for the purpose of making it less difficult for Italians to become good, true and loyal Americans. The following command of Mussolini is looked upon as being particularly undesirable, according to the

Duffield paper: "My order is that an Italian citizen must remain an Italian citizen, no matter in what land he lives, even to the seventh generation."

Activities of American Fascism

The Duffield article outlines in detail the activities of the Fascist League of North America. It says that the League is operated under the direction of the "Bureau of Fascism Abroad," which was appointed by Mussolini. The Bureau says that it exists to provide "Unions of Italians abroad who have adopted for their private and civic life obedience to the Duce and the laws of Fascism." The Secretary of the Bureau "visited the United States last winter on one of his periodical inspections of the Fascist campaign."

The League is incorporated under the laws of New York State. It is strongest in such eastern states as New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Each member is required to pay dues of \$13.00 a year. "The official uniform of Fascists in the United States is a black sateen shirt with a flowing black tie, a tasseled overseas cap, black trousers, spiral puttees and shoes." Fascism in America, as in Italy, is the avowed enemy of Communism. It is vigorously engaged in the circulation of Fascist propaganda.

Mr. Duffield describes a Fascist meeting in Brooklyn over which Dr. Giuseppe Previtali, a professor in Columbia University, presided. "When Dr. Previtali entered, the members, standing gave the Fascist salute, upraised arm, palm forward, and their chant, 'Mussolini! Eja! Eja! Alala!' . . . then dispatched this cablegram to Mussolini . . . 'Pray your Excellency, founder of the fortune of our country, to receive our devotion and homage.'"

Whenever a prominent Italian visitor visits the New York City Hall, he is always surrounded by an escort of American Fascists.

We read: "The first duty of the League is to prevent the Americanization of Italians in this country; to keep them Italianized and loyal to Mussolini." Mr. Duffield says that "certain Columbia professors" are prominent members of the Fascist League.

With two exceptions, all of the newspapers published in America in the Italian language are under the control of Fascism. "Adoration to Mussolini is the daily theme." "Always with an eye to obtaining man power and money for the next war."

There is a determined effort to instill loyalty to Mussolini into the impressionable minds of Italo-American children. Several examples are given where Fascism has put forth a determined effort to capture Italian youth in this country. A school teacher in Yonkers, New York, was dismissed when she refused to teach Fascism, on the ground that as an American she could not instill Mussolini's doctrines into the youngsters. In a school in Providence, Rhode Island, it was found that Fascism was being taught "along with the A.B.C.'s." A young student in Pittsburg read an address at the "Feast of Fascism" in which he said, "I wish to pray you in the name of my fellow-students, Mr. Consul, to write a letter to our Duce and tell him that there are many Italian children here who love him . . . Tell him that we, too, are obedient to him."

Duffield says that American Italians do not dare to speak against Fascism. "An Italian-language newspaper or magazine, which incurs the wrath of the League, loses its advertisements and is likely to die. If an Italian grocer is on the Fascist blacklist, his trade disappears. If the employee of an Italian firm speaks against Fascism he loses his job."

The Duffield article gives many other instances of the daring methods employed by Mussolini and his representatives for increasing the power and influence of the

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Chicago Atheists Active

The atheists of Chicago conduct regular public meetings. In a circular letter recently sent out from their headquarters, we read:

"Chicago says: 'I will be the largest city in the world' and the Atheist Society of Chicago also says: 'I will be the greatest anti-religious center in the world!' We believe that with the help of all the debunkers in Chicago we can do it.

"We will make Chicago the atheist headquarters of the United States, as Mr. Charles Smith, President of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, said it should be. Then at the 1933 World Atheist Convention, we may make Chicago the world's headquarters.

"You can help us attain this end by becoming a member; if you are already, by renewing your membership, if it is due; by attending all of our meetings at the Atheist Forum; Chicago; by sending in a donation or distributing our literature.

"Regular membership fee one dollar per year."

When An Atheist Prayed

A physician in the city of Chicago, who accepted Christ two years ago, says that he grew up in an atheistic home. He often heard his father say, "Some day they will burn all of these churches down or make them into pool-halls and then they will amount to something." The doctor tells how in a hotel in Kansas City one day his father made a remark that seemed very peculiar to him. As he turned to leave the room, his father was sitting on the side of the bed. Hearing him groan, the doctor looked around in time to see him throw both hands into the air and shout, "O my God!" With this he fell over dead.

The doctor was unable to forget that his father, a master atheist, finally came to that place in life where he gave expression to the cry of his soul and prayed. It is natural for man to pray. The person who says "There is no God" is simply trying to smother the cry of his own soul. When one refuses to pray, he is opposing the supreme law of his own being.

If a few people become religious fanatics, what can be said of the atheists who develop mental complexes in their efforts to still the call of their souls for God?

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Mary again; at the sepulcher she was indeed sorrowful, because they had taken away her Lord, seeing a man and supposing he says one word, her name, "Mary," and him to be the gardener, she speaks to him; she cries out "Rabboni," Master, Owner.

As sorrowful, YET Rejoicing! Two men are on the way to Emmaus, the third joins them in the walk; "why sad?" separated from the One they had hoped was the Redeemer of Israel; they sit down to eat, He returns thanks; their eyes are opened; He goes. Did they finish eating? Methinks not. We can easily see them leaving the meal, rushing to Jerusalem and here they come in shouting. "We have seen the Lord, we have seen the Lord." What rejoicing, and while they were in the midst of this rejoicing, the Lord himself appears. Sorrowful YET, always rejoicing.

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WHY I AM NOT AN EVOLUTIONIST

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The theory of evolution is a theory of origins; it gives what is regarded by many as the most probable explanation of how the various kinds of plants and animals, including man, came into existence. In most recent books and articles dealing with these matters, evolution is treated as one of the settled truths of modern science; through the authors are often very candid in acknowledging that we do not know the precise way in which this evolution was accomplished. They assume the fact, but admit that nobody knows the how.

But the plants and the animals are here in the world, and they must have had a beginning; for no one can imagine that the world has been occupied by them during all the eternity of the past. And in dealing with their origin, it is not sufficient for us to point out that the entire argument for evolution is full of uncertainties and of links that are only probabilities. Every one of the great conclusions of modern science rests only on probabilities. This in itself is not a vital objection to the theory, unless we can show some other explanation to be still more probable. But we are honestly bound to discard the evolution theory, if we find some other explanation of the origin of things which, all things considered, is more probable than the one offered by evolution.

And such an alternative explanation must, in the very nature of things, be a theory of direct creation; for the theory of evolution is so elastic, it assumes so many protean forms, that the term is used to cover any and all theories of the origin of things by any slow, gradual process whatever. In this sense of the word, there is not merely one theory of evolution, but a thousand and one. Yet any and all of these theories may properly be included under the general head of the evolution theory; for all alike are directly opposed to the real creation of the world and of the plants and animals now peopling the world. In other words, "evolution" and "creation" are antonyms, they are opposites; and the only legitimate way to discredit either theory is to show that the opposite theory is more probable. And it is because I believe that the doctrine of a direct creation is the more probable one, that I am not an evolutionist. To explain this line of reasoning is the purpose of this article.

A Gradual Process Versus a Completed Act

The essential idea of the evolution theory may be stated in the one word, *uniformity*. That is, this doctrine states that the present is the measure of the past, and the measure of all the past. It teaches that all the different phases of life have grown up by processes still operating in the world around us. Certain processes of variation, mutation, selection, et cetera, are said to be now going on in our modern world; and the theory assumes that these processes have always prevailed in the past. And it says that if these processes are admitted as having prevailed in the past, they explain the way in which even the highest forms of life, man included, have come into existence.

On the other hand, the essential idea of the doctrine of creation is that, at some time in the past, the great God of nature, in bringing things into existence, exercised certain powers which we do not see manifested in sustaining or perpetuating them. It is not a question of time, but of manner. The question of how much time was occupied in the work of creation is of no importance, so far as the logic of the case is concerned; nor is the question of how long ago

this creation took place. The one essential idea regarding creation is that its ways and processes are wholly beyond the reach of science; we cannot hope to understand its processes or its details, for we have nothing with which to measure it. In other words, **creation is a completed act**, and cannot be equated or interpreted in terms of any of the common natural processes now going on.

Thus again we see that evolution and creation are opposites. And these two are the only possible views: they occupy all the field, and there is no third alternative. But this fact points out a very simple method of testing out the claims of the two theories.

Five Things That Must Be Proved for Evolution

Looking at the problem in its widest aspects, we could make a good start for the evolution doctrine, if we could show that matter can be made from nothing, or even that it can be synthesized from the electrons, or particles of electricity, of which all matter seems to be composed. We could further help to establish the probability of the doctrine, if we could show that energy can be created or increased in amount. Next we would need to bridge over the gulf between the living and the notliving, or in other words, to prove the possibility of **spontaneous generation**. If then we could show that some at least of the lower forms of life, such as the protozoa and bacteria, are constantly developing into higher forms of life, we would thereby establish a strong presumption in favor of the same principle among these higher forms themselves. And if, in addition to all this, we could prove that the effects of environment, or what are called "acquired characters," are transmitted in heredity; or if we could prove that selection of any kind, natural or artificial, can go on indefinitely improving the stock,—we would thus establish a reasonable antecedent probability that some method of progressive development prevails among the higher forms of life. Lastly, we might complete this line of argument, if, by our breeding experiments, we could produce distinctly new types of plants, and animals, something more than mere analytic varieties or unit characters, in accord with Mendel's law. These are the simple and natural methods of working up a chain of evidence in favor of the evolution theory.

And we can make out a strong case against evolution and in favor of a real creation, if we can show the exact reverse of all the points mentioned. But every one who has kept informed as to modern scientific discoveries knows how easy it is to do this. Still, as this tract is likely to fall into the hands of persons who are not so well acquainted with the progress of modern science, it may be well to sum up our knowledge regarding the various points referred to, remembering that every one of these points is an evidence against the theory of evolution and in favor of the doctrine of a literal creation.

Disintegration a Fixed Law

1. Let us first speak of the origin of matter. The newly developed science of radioactivity has shown that the atoms of all the chemical elements are made up simply of two kinds of things, a nucleus of one or more units of positive electricity, surrounded by a number of negative units, each of which is only about 1/1760 as large, the number of the latter varying with the particular kind of chemical element. Some of

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the heavier elements, such as uranium, radium, and thorium, are constantly disintegrating, or breaking down, by loss of electrons, into other elements of lighter weight; but no instance of the reverse process is yet known to science. Thus our modern scientific view of the world of matter makes it resemble a great clock constantly running down, with no known method of winding it up. Not the evolution of matter, but the disintegration of matter, is the plain lesson from these discoveries in radioactivity; and the conclusion is inevitable that the stuff of which the universe is composed must have been called into existence by the fiat of the great Creator.

Energy Fixed by God at Creation

2. And we do not know how energy could have originated except in the same way, by the decree of the One who called matter into existence. But energy had a real existence, as real as potatoes or molasses; and its origin needs just as much to be accounted for as we need to account for life or matter itself. All our energy comes to us from the sun, and its numerous forms are freely transmuted by us here on the earth back and forth in a thousand ways, with constant slight losses, but absolutely without the gain of a single erg or a single calorie. And as, according to the Bible, this central heating plant of our solar system was created at the same time as our world, and created to serve our world, it is easy to understand that a definite amount of solar energy has been fixed by divine decree, to be doled out to our world from second to second. To confirm this view, we have the astronomical fact that the amount of energy we receive from the sun has not varied from century to century. As far as science can measure it, the energy hourly given out to us is a constant quantity; and when we receive it, we cannot increase it in the slightest degree by all our mechanics or by all our science. Thus in this sense also the Bible record is confirmed, that the amount of energy available for our world was fixed, or finished, "from the foundation of the world." Hebrews 4:3.

Spontaneous Generation Impossible

3. Regarding the origin of life, who does not know that not a single example of spontaneous generation has been witnessed since the dawn of scientific observation? As with matter and energy, so with life, the record in the Bible is confirmed; for modern science compels us to say that we do not know how life could have originated except by a direct creation by the God of nature. The transformation of the not-living into the living is not in any sense a natural process; it is a real creation.

4. The bacteria and protozoa, under favorable conditions, can become mature and reproduce a new generation within a half hour; and thus an uncounted number of generations can appear within a single year. Yet we have definite proof that certain kinds of these minute creatures have persisted without any perceptible change for thousands of years; for the Greeks and the ancient Egyptians suffered from the same bacterial diseases as we do today. More than that, we have even found numerous examples of diseased conditions among the fossils of the ancient rocks, the pathological condition of the bones testifying that some at least of these disease-producing microbes have persisted without change for a number of successive generations wholly beyond computation. Is not this stubborn persistence of these forms without change for such periods of time strong proof that the higher forms also would probably not lose their identity after a similar number of generations had passed, which in their case would mean many millions of years?

Herbert Spencer's Premise Demolished

5. In modern biological studies, no principle is better established than that acquired characters are not inherited. Yet we must not forget the dictum of Herbert Spencer, given many years ago, "Either there has been inheritance of acquired characters, or there has been no evolution." If he were alive today, would he accept the alternative now so well established? Regarding the companion principle of natural selection, the late John Burroughs has stated the case very tersely: "He [Darwin] has already been shorn of his selection theories as completely as Samson was shorn of his locks." In view of this situation, what is there left of Darwinism?

6. The subject of the origin of species has been made very complicated by the voluminous literature written upon it during the past half century; but in reality, the question is still very simple. Have new species been produced by either artificial or natural methods within modern times? Our answer to this question will depend entirely upon how we define the term "species." There is no doubt that by the experiments in crossing inspired by Mendel's discoveries, we have produced forms quite as distinctly "new" as hundreds that are listed in our systematic classifications. However, there is this difference,—that these "new species" which we have produced by breeding experiments are usually cross fertile with their kin or in back-crossing; while among the wild species as found in nature, such cross fertility is at least very rare. Many phases of this subject are still obscure, but two facts are very evident: first, that the "species" listed in our textbooks have been marked off on altogether too narrow lines—that is, the "splitting" of species has been greatly overdone; and second, that these new discoveries help us to understand the origin of great numbers of variations found in a state of nature which have evidently arisen somehow from comparatively few originals surviving from that great world catastrophe of the Deluge, which is now as well established a fact as the burning of Carthage or the fall of Babylon.

Geology Does Not Support Evolution

7. In that one word, "Deluge," we have entered upon another phase of our larger subject, which until very lately was supposed to be one of the strongest lines of evidence in favor of the evolution theory. To quote the words of Professor Thomas Hunt Morgan, the argument from geology "is by all odds the strongest evidence that we have in favor of organic evolution." This argument was founded on the supposed fact that geology can tell us accurately just what types of life lived first and what others came into existence afterwards during long ages of time. This is what has long been called the geological history of life on our globe; and this supposed history has always been the backbone of the whole evolution theory. But what if this geological history of the fossil forms should turn out to be a purely artificial arrangement, and not in any sense a historical one?

It has been my chief business for some twenty years to study this phase of the subject. Those who wish to go into this matter more fully will find help in my "Fundamentals of Geology," obtainable from the publishers of this tract. Here it must suffice to say that the geological arrangement of the fossils is a purely artificial arrangement, based entirely on the evolution theory, and is utterly absurd as a real history of life on the globe, and even more absurd as evidence in favor of evolution, which is the very thing it was arranged to illustrate. The proof of this assertion is ample, and rests on recent discoveries which will appear convincing to any one who will take the trouble to inform himself.

Geology has always presented the two alternative explanations, uniformity (that

is, the evolutionary explanation) or the Deluge. Like its counterpart in biology, evolutionary geology is founded on the assumption that the geological changes of the past took place according to the rate and kind of changes now taking place in our modern world; while the hypothesis of a universal Deluge says that at a certain time in the remote past, a world-catastrophe occurred, which explains great numbers of the changes recorded in the rocks. The evidence for a universal Deluge is scattered all over the globe; but evolutionary geology has long tried to minimize and explain away this evidence by having these great changes take place on the installment plan, and it has taught us a pretty story of the exact "history" of this installment plan. But the finding of immense areas in various parts of the world where the fossils occur in relative positions directly contrary to this installment plan, has helped to open our eyes to the fact that this supposed "history" of the successive types of life is only a huge blunder, founded on a long series of other blunders, and wholly unworthy of credence as a scientific fact.

Where Evolution and Christianity Utterly Disagree

The foregoing are some of the reasons why, as a believer in only accurate and demonstrable science, I cannot believe in the evolution theory, and why I believe that the hypothesis of a direct creation of man and all the leading types of life at approximately one time offers a much more probable explanation of the origin of things. But in addition, there are some very serious moral and social objections to the evolution doctrine, two of which we should consider briefly ere closing.

1. One horrible result following from the logic of Darwinism is the minimizing of sin; for according to this theory, sin is only inherited animalism. On this view, it is not man's fault, but his misfortune, that he is a sinner. Hence, if any being in the universe is responsible for the sin and misery in our world, it must be God Himself. No one who accepts the evolutionary origin of man can continue to believe in the Bible doctrine of the fall of man as the explanation of the origin of sin; nor can he longer believe in the doctrine of the atonement, which is the Bible remedy for this fall.

2. Again, Darwinism teaches that man has advanced chiefly by means of those hard, cruel instincts which he shares with the tiger and the wolf; and if there is any truth in logic, we must be undermining all that the race has gained, in just so far as we eliminate this law of selfish struggle for survival, and substitute the law of love for this law of hate. Darwin himself complained that by our asylums, our poor laws, our vaccination, and other methods of modern medicine, we are keeping alive the "unfit," and are thus adopting measures which he said "must be highly injurious to the race of man;" because in this way, we are interfering with the natural ladder, the "survival of the fittest," by which the race has climbed to its present status. But, as William Jennings Bryan has pointed out, can any doctrine be safe and sound that would forbid us to save weak babies by Pasteurizing their milk, or that would hinder us from seeking medical remedies for those diseases which kill off millions who have no natural immunity against them? True, Darwin admitted that we should continue our humanitarian work; for otherwise we would bring about "deterioration in the noblest part of our nature." But how can we trust a doctrine that is at open war with "the noblest part of our nature?"

In addition, I am opposed to the evolution doctrine because I am a Christian, and evolution contradicts what my Bible tells me about the cause of sin and the remedy for it. Still further, as a scientist, I am not a

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2,160,000 years of existence through the bodies of worms, reptiles and humans. The Brahman believes that the "gods talk only to the upper caste."

Benares is the holy city of the Brahmans and it is believed to be 80,000 steps nearer Heaven than any other city on earth.

When one loses fellowship with Christ, he may come back and be restored to a sweet and intimate relationship through Divine Grace, but when a Brahman, who has lost caste, comes back to be restored, he cannot be received until he has taken the sacred pill, composed of five parts of the sacred cow-milk, curds, butter, dung and urine.

Brahmans are the gods and women are the outcasts. A woman is not as good as a cow, monkey or the worm that crawls in the dust. Her only hope of the heavenly reward is to submit herself to the outrages of her heartless lord, for which she is only an instrument to be used for the gratification of his sensuality. The woman in India is the most pitiful creature on earth. Her principal ambition is the hope that, because of her good works in this life, when she dies she may be fortunate enough to come back in her next reincarnation as a worm or a monkey. She is a slave and her husband is her god. Her face must never be seen by any man except her husband. Marrying girls to gods only to make them temple prostitutes is among the worst practices of Brahmanism.

"Slaves of the Gods," a new book published by Katherine Mayo in 1929, contains a powerful exposure and indictment against these vile practices.

Hinduism

It is estimated that there are 215,512,000 Hindus in the world. There are about 20,000 Hindu caste divisions. The Hindus claim that Jesus received His education in India.

The Hindu is strongly polytheistic and has about 330,000,000 gods. Hinduism was born as a result of a clash between Brahmanism and Buddhism.

It teaches that the Deity called Brahm produced from his own substance an egg containing all the primary atoms, principles and seeds of future worlds. After the egg had grown to be an enormous size, the spirit within it burst and creation was the result. Like Christian Science, Hinduism teaches that it is an illusion for man to declare his own real existence, for in reality he is a part of God, and God is a part of him. Consequently, man has no separate individuality.

The Hindu believes that he will be saved by worshipping his idol gods, offering sacrifices, saying prayers, bathing in the Ganges, making pilgrimages and doing penance. Of course, if he wishes to make his salvation secure beyond any question of a doubt, he can arrange to hold a piece of a cow's tail in his hand as he dies. If he is really good in this life, there is a possibility that his next birth will be in a higher form, perhaps an elephant or a cow.

Many take the "vow of silence" and by refusing to engage in conversation, they hope to draw nearer to the gods.

Another very holy deed is to measure their length on the ground over and over for miles, until they reach a sacred temple. They believe that there are 8,400,000 human, animal and plant lives through which man may transmigrate.

No other religious system is as cruel to women as Hinduism. Child marriage is the supreme curse of this religion. An unmarried girl over twelve years of age is a disgrace to herself and relatives. A contract for marriage is made by parents without the children's knowledge. If the man to whom her parents have engaged her dies, the girl cannot re-marry and remains under the curses of having caused her husband's

death by offending the gods in some way. Krishna, one of the most popular Hindu gods, is said to have had 15,000 wives.

The idol gods of Hinduism are the creation of the Hindu's perverted imagination. Because his gods are immoral in the extreme, his every act of immorality is not only justified but is sanctified as well.

Other Religions

Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Zoroasterism, Shintoism and Mohammedanism might all be treated with the same thought in view, namely to show how every religion in the world, except Christianity, is built upon the false assumption that salvation from sin is something that one can work for and earn. Every false religion is false because it teaches salvation through works. Christianity is a religion of DONE, not DO.

Jesus said, "It is finished." Christianity is finished. There is nothing to be added to it. You have nothing that you can give in exchange for the forgiveness of sin. You may accept forgiveness as a gift through faith. You do not work for it. You cannot earn it. Salvation is a gift. There is much expressed in the five eloquent words: "Let go and let God."

Speaking prophetically of the coming Christ, Isaiah said: "He hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." David says: "He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him."

You need only to put your case in God's hands. God has revealed Himself to you in the person of His Son. The Son's work is a "finished" work. "IT IS FINISHED."

A business man once told me that in the business world he had had to fight for everything that he had gotten. He explained how he had grown up on the streets of the city as an orphan and had finally amassed a fortune, but it had been a fight every step of the way. It was at first difficult for him to understand that the most priceless thing that could come into a human life — salvation from sin — was something that he could not fight for, could not purchase, could not earn, but was only to be accepted as a gift. When he found Christ as his personal Saviour, he received a revelation from God in his consciousness that told him his sins were blotted out, but to get this assurance, he had to reverse his whole trend of thinking and activity and accept it on the basis of unmerited grace.

"For by grace ye are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves. IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD."

A Misnomer

The term "Comparative Religions" is a misnomer, if we compare Christianity with the other religions of the world. Christianity is not merely one of the ten religions of the world. Christianity is incomparable. There is no religion under the burning sun that can be compared with the Christian religion. There is only one religion that has DIVINE GRACE and that is Christianity. This makes it different from all other religions.

The world is a stage. On it we see every man fighting with his own sin. He is like a galley-slave bound to his sin by his chains. We see the world go by and observe the millions fighting for liberty. The religions of the world have been called into existence for the purpose of soothing the conscience in a vain attempt to liberate the masses from their universal sense of guilt. Religion seeks to take the fever out of the human soul.

Every religion except Christianity gives its followers something to DO. Christianity is DONE. There is a vast difference between DO and DONE.

THAT MAN MUSSOLINI (Continued from page 13.)

Mussolini and his representatives for in-Strong Man in America.

These things show from another angle what a powerful force that Mussolini is becoming on the earth. His latest whim instantly becomes the law of his land, the terror of Europe and the news of the world.

The Pope Objects

When the Roman Pope started his assault on Mussolini and his policies some months ago, the Strong Man encountered the most powerful enemy he has ever faced. While the Pope has become popular for daring to openly oppose Fascism, Mussolini has not been idle by any means. It is interesting to watch the almost daily clash between these two powerful figures. Something more will be written concerning this matter in the March Defender.

This insulting and humorous circumstance took place in January. For thirty years a devout Italian has delivered the same sealed box to the Vatican in Rome every morning, calling for it later in the day. One morning last month Mussolini's police arrested him and demanded that he open the box. "Never!" shouted the devout deliveryman. "Pigs of policemen! You shall not touch your dirty fingers to the Pope's bread." The box contained the Pope's breakfast which consists almost entirely of bread.

The deliveryman represented the bakery which His Holiness patronizes. The owner of the bakery had to rush down to jail, unlock and unseal the box before the deliveryman could be released. "How do we know?" asked the irreligious police. "It is clearly the duty of the police to break open these loaves and see if they contain bombs."

WHY I AM NOT AN EVOLUTIONIST (Continued from page 15.)

believer in the evolution theory; because the alternative of a direct creation offers a more believable explanation of the origin of things,—of matter, of energy, of life, and of the various distinct kinds of life, including man. And in taking this position of denying evolution and accepting creation, I believe that I am following the only true scientific method of reasoning, and the only method safe enough to follow in all the important problems of life.

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